



E. G. Punnett Attributed, for William Birch, Arts & Crafts Oak Bedroom Suite

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Price on Application

MAKER	William Birch
DESIGNER	E. G. Punnett
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1900-1909
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Oak
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

Attributed to **E G Punnett** for **William Birch** of High Wycombe, a three piece bedroom suite, Arts and Crafts Movement (1880–1910), **c.1900**.

The suite comprises a double wardrobe with two large drawers below, a matching dressing table with mirror, and a matching chest of drawers with an upper central square drawer, a form sometimes referred to as a Manchester chest. The pieces are unified by subtle chequer banding around selected drawer fronts and around the mirror frame, and all have matching stylised floral inlays of pewter with brass inlaid flower heads set in ebonized circles. The pewter disc and knob handles sit comfortably within the style of C F A Voysey.

References / Provenance

Literature: Pauline Agius, *British Furniture 1880–1915*, Antique Collectors Club, 1978, p.120, illustrating the dressing table and a related washstand. See 2nd Last Image

Last image shows the original design for the dressing table and washstand from the William Birch 'cost and design' catalogue on 1901. Plate 163.