



Pair of Aesthetic Movement Oak Thebes Stools, Leather Studded, c.1890

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£1,200

PERIOD	Aesthetic Movement , 1890-1899
YEAR	1890
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Oak
DIMENSIONS	H: 7.48 in (19 cm) W: 11.02 in (28 cm) D: 8.27 in (21 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

Pair of oak Thebes stools aligned to the *Aesthetic Movement* (1860–1900), c.1890, designed as low British footstools for a domestic interior. Each stool has a square framed seat upholstered in plain leather with a row of large dome studs defining the edge, raised on four short turned legs with mushroom feet. The aprons are of quarter-sawn oak, the ray fleck visually softening the geometric profile and giving the small forms a clear sense of material presence.

Within the family of so-called Thebes stools, these low examples sit at the intersection of Aesthetic and Egyptian Revival design. Late nineteenth-century British makers adapted ancient Egyptian stools from Thebes, popularised through excavated examples in the British Museum, into modern household seating, a pattern later formalised in Liberty and Co's patented Thebes models from the 1880s onwards. These stools follow that tradition in a simplified form, exchanging the usual dished saddle seat for a flat cushion yet retaining the characteristic compact plan and strongly profiled legs.