A Charles II oak and turkeywork upholstered stool, circa 1660

£3,800



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Height: 41 cm (16.1")

Width: 43.5 cm (17.1")

Depth: 42.5 cm (16.7")

Description

The stuff-over seat upholstered in rare floral turkeywork, on block and ball-turned legs, joined by plain stretchers all round, turned feet

For a chair with a comparable turkeywork design see the Temple Newsam Collection, Leeds. See also the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, acc. no. W.63-1926. For a stool, with turkeywork cover, see the Burrell Collection Glasgow, item no. 14.30. See also Victor Chinnery, 'Oak Furniture: The British Tradition' (2016), pp. 102-103

Short lengths of worsted wools were hand-knotted on a linen warp and then cut to create a short, dense, pile. The designs imitated so-called 'Turkey Carpets', a generic English term for imported carpets from the East in the 16th/17th century. The hard wearing 'turkeywork' was used for table carpets, seat upholstery (particularly sets) and cushions

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