

Chippendale period mahogany gentleman's dressing chest

£12,500



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Height: 84 cm (33.1")

Width: 107 cm (42.1")

Depth: 61 cm (24")

## Description

A fine 18th century mahogany gentleman's dressing chest. The top drawer with a baized slide opening to reveal a fitted interior with a mirror and two hidden drawers at the back. The original brass handles on the drawer fronts retain some of the gilt lacquer and the drawer linings and dovetail joints are of the best quality. The canted corners with finely carved acanthus corbels leading down to bracket feet with cut out design. This fabulous chest has some features found in furniture from Chippendale's workshops, the handles are listed as The Finest, the red wash to the underneath, and the blocks to build up the feet. The interior of the fitted top drawer with the easel mirror and the small axe head handle to the secret drawers are all similar to the designs used by Chippendale. The National Trust has an online exhibition called Chippendale Revealed where the furniture from Nostell Priory is illustrated showing the close relationship between the construction and use of the handles etc to our example.