



Staunton Chess Set

£240



REF: 30696

Height: 8 cm (3.1")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 10.5 cm (4.1")

## Description

Antique Staunton Style Chess Figures.

A Staunton style chess set with Ebonised and Boxwood chess pieces with wide turned and carved pieces. The pieces with wide bases for added stability. The chess set comprises of thirty-two pieces, four Knights featuring the head and neck of a horse. Two kings, being the tallest pieces at 7.7 cm high, both with a crown topped with a cross whilst the two Queens feature a coronet topped with a tiny ball (6.8 cm high). The four Rooks are towers (castles) with a crenelation top and the four Bishops with mitres. The sixteen Pawns are the smallest pieces at 4 cm high and are topped by a plain ball. All the pieces with a collar except the rooks and knights, with a single white Rook with a red crown painted onto the top. The antique pine box with sliding lid in original condition with inscription "To Howard, from Uncle Cecil, Xmas 1952".

Size shown is for the storage box.  
THE BOARD IS NOT INCLUDED

Staunton chess sets were first made available by Jaques to the general public on 29th September 1849 and quickly became the standard style. The journalist Nathaniel Cooke (editor for the Illustrated London News) had registered his design earlier that year at the Patent Office on 1 March and named the style after the leading English chess master at the time, Howard Staunton. Staunton published chess articles for the Illustrated London News and was asked to endorse the chess sets by Cooke. The first 500 Jaques sets were numbered and hand-signed by Staunton who promoted the product for Jaques and ridiculed and disrespected all other designs of chessmen.

Chess board is not included in the price, it is for display purposes only.  
The board is being with another chess set #30697