
PAGODA RED



BLACK LACQUER WRITING DESK

\$3,980

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Southern Elmwood, Lacquer • Collection #CKH001

W: 46.0" D: 20.75" H: 32.0"

This three-drawer writing desk dates to the mid-19th century and once stood centerpiece in the office of a well-to-do professional of the late Qing-dynasty. Desks with drawers such as this were strongly influenced by Western designs, and didn't become popular in China until the 19th century.

The clean-lined desk features four straight corner legs ending in hoof feet and a slightly overhung floating panel tabletop. The three drawers have aged brass hardware, the centermost with a large square lock plate, drop handle, and double gourd-form key hole cover. Continued...



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The wonderfully simple design is accentuated by a black lacquer finish, beautifully aged with gentle fading along the edges.



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