PAGODA RED





PAIR OF TURNED SQUARE COURTYARD PANELS

\$4,280

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Paper, Northern Elmwood • Collection #K063 W: 36.5" D: 2.25" H: 94.0"

Designing the intricate patterning of these 19th-century panels was like solving a puzzle. Skilled craftsmen pieced together hand cut lengths of wood, precisely interlocking them to create a repeating diamond pattern. Linear yet open, the pattern was designed to let light and air into a room while maintaining privacy. Aristocratic homes in provincial China often had spacious, neutral interiors, making screens useful and flexible in defining living spaces.