PAGODA RED









SET OF FOUR FLORAL LATTICE COURTYARD PANELS

\$13,880

c. 1750 • Northern China, China • Northern Elmwood • Collection #S188 W: 23.75" D: 2.25" H: 101.0"

The sweeping elegance of these four 18th-century courtyard doors, with their intricate lattice panels, hides the mathematical brilliance required to create them. The panels evoke life in a traditional courtyard home, where the openwork allowed light and air to flow into the inner rooms while maintaining privacy for its occupants. Creating lattice was a geometric puzzle; this elaborate floral pattern was made by the precise interlocking of long and short pieces of carved wood. Each of the bottom panels is finished with uniquely carved floral motifs. Continued...

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The short center panels are carved with scholarly objects for knowledge.

Dimensions listed describe an individual panel.