



**SHARON FITZSIMMONS**  
CHINESE ANTIQUE FURNITURE



## **Sale Price £345 (was £695) - Garment Hanger with Gilt Dragons**

SHANXI PROVINCE, C19TH

**DIMENSIONS:** W:136.5 D:42 H:144 (cm)

**REFERENCE:** H124

£345

The linear form is offset by upturned ends of gilt dragons' heads and carved spandrels, a wonderful artistic and pragmatic form for bedroom or dressing room, or as a decorative standalone.

Functionally the upturned carved dragon ends kept robes from slipping, while symbolically these dragons represent the most powerful representation of the masculine Yang, expressing its power, protection and royalty.

The top of the uprights merge with the top rail, supported by scrolling spandrels which are identical to those used to support the lowest cross rail. This provides visual continuity, and frames the wonderfully simple and symmetrical vertical posts between the cross rails.

The foot base is necessarily large and sturdy to provide stability, but this size is moderated by the addition of delicate spandrels that link and support the legs. Viewed sideways the foot base's two spandrels together resemble the wish fulfilling ruyi. Restoration included re-lacquering and gilt painting of dragons.

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