



SHARON FITZSIMMONS
CHINESE ANTIQUE FURNITURE



Sale Price £350 (was £600) - Small Low Tray Like Kang Table

SHANXI PROVINCE, C19TH

DIMENSIONS: W:72 D:47 H:26 (cm)

REFERENCE: T319

£350

In cold weather this small collapsible table was placed on the Kang, a raised platform with underfloor heating used for sleeping and social gatherings.

Furniture designed for use on the platform is known by the prefix kang, usually based round ancient mat level living precepts.

This small folding kang table is distinguished by ingeniously folding legs that retract into the apron, thereby becoming a tray resting on the one piece apron and waist.

Its top surface has wonderful and unusual and fine inlaid decoration of the auspicious wan or swastika symbol, symbolising the footprints of the Buddha himself. It is a popular symbol which is sometimes used in repetition.

In this case it is repeated eight times, eight being the luckiest number. Faded outlines of fortuitous peaches symbolising longevity are visible.

