



18th Century Antique

A Louis XV chimneypiece carved in a beautifully coloured Breche de Benou. The moulded shelf is supported by a serpentine frieze, which presents a central cartouche in the shape of a stylised shell. Shell corner blocks surmount jambs in the shape of scrolls. The elegant design of this chimneypiece is enhanced by the natural patterns of the stone. Breche de Benou, also known as Breche de Vendome, was very popular in 18th century palaces in France thanks to its multicolour character.

Dimensions

Height 42½in (108cm) width 53½in (135.5cm)

Internal height 36½in (92.2cm) width 37in (96cm)

Footblock to footblock 51in (132cm)

Shelf depth 15½in (39cm)

Reference

I226