PAGODA RED



WOVEN TOP CANOPY BED

\$22,800

c. 1800 • Shandong, China • Northern Elmwood, Rattan • Collection #Q066 W: 89.5" D: 54.0" H: 90.0"

A Chinese canopy bed, or marriage bed, was the most important part of a bride's dowry and was the central feature of her personal quarters. Traditionally, beds were central to Chinese everyday life and were very versatile: a seat upon which to entertain friends during the day and an intimate sleeping chamber at night. Decorated with fine carvings, inlay, and accessories, the canopy bed became an important symbol of rank and status, and the subject of rivalry among wives and concubines.

This elegant early 19th century example features a canopy topped with intricately carved panels and flanked with sculptural floral finials. Continued...

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The refined rattan mat is hand-woven in a time consuming, ancient technique. The surfaces of the wood have aged beautifully, but the original peg joinery no longer securely holds the canopy together. Assembly now requires screws.

Additional Dimensions

Seat Height: 22" Apron to Floor: 15.