
PAGODA RED



EIGHT DRAWER RUYI ALTAR COFFER

\$9,580

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Cypress • Collection #U059

W: 81.5" D: 26.25" H: 37.0"

Chinese artisans often weave stories and symbolism into their furniture designs. In Mandarin, the words for "eight" and "luck" share a pronunciation, making this coffer a powerful symbol of prosperity. On each of its eight drawers is a carved ruyi, a lucky symbol that honors wisdom. This impressive family altar would have anchored a 19th century room, holding all of the accoutrements necessary for ancestral offerings. Its scale and impressive carvings combine with its provincial finish to make it a perfect fit anywhere from a beach-side bungalow to a mountain chalet.



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Additional Dimensions

Table apron to floor: 16.5"

Top Drawers: 7.5"W x 20.75"D x 7.75"H

Bottom Drawers: 14.5"W x 20.75"D x 3.25"H



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