



19TH CENTURY FRENCH LOUIS XVI STYLE PAINTED OAK WRITING DESK WITH BLEACHED TOP

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This elegant antique French writing desk dates to the mid-19th century, circa 1850, and is crafted in the refined Louis XVI style. Constructed from solid oak, the desk features a rectangular top with a bleached oak finish that highlights the natural grain and plank construction, offering a light, softly textured surface that contrasts beautifully with the painted base below. The apron is finely carved and centered by an oval medallion framed with delicate floral and laurel motifs, reflecting the Neoclassical emphasis on symmetry and restraint. The desk is raised on four fluted, tapering legs terminating in carved blocks and small bun feet, all hallmarks of the Louis XVI vocabulary. Graceful curved X-form stretchers connect the legs, providing structural stability while adding subtle sculptural interest without overwhelming the clean architectural lines. The painted oak base retains a gently time-softened surface with wear and minor losses consistent with age and use, contributing to the desk's authentic antique character. The bleached top shows light patination and surface wear appropriate for a working desk of this period. Well-proportioned and versatile, this Louis XVI style desk functions beautifully as a writing desk, library table, or refined home office piece. Its restrained elegance allows it to integrate seamlessly into both traditional and transitional interiors seeking classic French form with a lighter, updated presence. Dimensions: 55"W x 34.5"D x 29.5"H