

19TH CENTURY FRENCH NAPOLEON III MARBLE AND GILT BRONZE SELLETTE PEDESTAL

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Crafted in France circa 1860, this elegant antique sellette pedestal combines the refined lines of classical architecture with the decorative richness of the Napoleon III period. Standing over three feet tall, the sculptural column is carved from beautiful cream and beige marble, enhanced by natural golden and amber veining and finely detailed gilt bronze mounts.

The pedestal stands on a substantial square marble plinth, providing a sturdy foundation for the tall, slender cylindrical column. At the base, an ornate gilt bronze collar features intricate acanthus leaf and foliate motifs in raised relief, finished with decorative beaded molding. A matching flared bronze capital crowns the column, beautifully embellished with classical foliage and scrolling acanthus leaves, adding architectural interest and an elegant contrast to the pale marble.

The square marble top features softly rounded corners and a smooth polished surface. Designed with a removable, swiveling top, the pedestal offers versatility for displaying a bronze sculpture, marble bust, decorative urn, or vase of flowers. The natural variations in the marble give the column its distinctive character, while the warm patinated gilt bronze mounts enhance its timeless appeal.

The Napoleon III pedestal is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its beautiful marble veining and rich bronze patina. Its tall, narrow proportions make it especially suitable for an entryway, living room corner, library, or formal hallway. A sophisticated display stand that brings classical French elegance to both traditional and contemporary interiors.

Dimensions: 11"W x 11"D x 41.5"H.

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