

## GEORGE III HEPPLEWHITE PERIOD CARVED GILTWOOD MIRROR - REF 2227



A fine George III carved giltwood and gesso oval mirror. The oval, possibly original, plate contained within a gadrooned border, with radial emanating carved leaves which link to a further, linked floral border.

The central leaf crest to the top carved with elegance and fluidity, the outstretched leaves linking neatly to the floral chain which forms the circumference.

The lower crest, of less dominance, again formed of leaves and carved with the same fluidity and style of the top, once more outstretching and linking to the floral chain circumference.

The mirror appears to retain it's original, nicely aged, water gilding; with minor repairs and refreshing in places. An extremely neat and elegant piece of a size which lends itself to enhancing both a modern or traditional home.

*George Hepplewhite (d1786) was apprenticed to Robert Gillow in Lancaster and later moved to St Giles, Cripplegate in London where he established a workshop and business. Hepplewhite was a contemporary of Thomas Chippendale dying only seven years later, his style was lighter and with more elegance and grace than that of Chippendale's. After his death his widow Alice carried on his business and in 1788 published The Cabinet-Maker and Upholsterer's Guide with about 300 of his designs which was to become a leading influence for several generations of furniture makers in the next centuries.*

PRICE: £7,900

**Provenance:** Private collection Cumbria.

**Origin & Age:** English, George III, circa 1775

**Dimensions:** 26" wide, 44" high; 66cm wide, 112cm high.

**Restorations:** Minor old restorations, gilding largely original with minor refreshing in places. Plate apparently original.

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