



PAIR OF ITALIAN ARMCHAIRS IN CARVED WALNUT WITH RED VELVET UPHOLSTERY, C. 1850



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Country Of Origin
In The Style Of
Age
Dimensions

Italy
Renaissance
Circa 1850
H - 51, W - 28 7/8, D - 28 1/4, seat H - 20 1/2

This pair of walnut wood armchairs were produced in Italy, circa 1850. The walnut wood was hand-carved and paired with red velvet upholstery. In the Early and High Renaissance (roughly 1400-1520), chairs were not common household



armchairs being the most visible.

Many armchairs from the mid-16th century had velvet covered seats. Our cushion and seat back feature a red velvet with piles (the raised fibers) displayed as foliate rinceaux with flowers. There are also two slender bands near the edges of each seat and back. The backs of the chairs are upholstered in solid red.

These armchairs feature runner or sleigh feet, which are long, slender planks that are used to support the chair. The fronts of our runners have volute scrolls and the runner slants inwards as it moves towards the back of the chair, then sharply turns back out. The back legs and spindle are blocks, while the front ones are turned. The arm stumps are turned as well, rising to meet shaped volute scroll arms.

Our pair of Italian armchairs with red velvet upholstery have a rich walnut patina, and the sleigh feet are a fantastic feature. They would look great in a living room or study.

CONDITION: Good antique condition with wear commensurate to age and use, including minor losses, some old worm holes, small fills to wood. Runs to the side and back of the upholstery on the seatback and minor losses to the velvet pile. Wood is lightly varnished. Please see photos for details.



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