

Commodes in your décor!

The original commode evolved as a functional piece of furniture in late 17th century France and transitioned into a more stylish form with elaborate decoration and standing on cabriole legs (or short legs) with a flat back that went against the wall during the 18th century.

Commode - This piece of classic furniture was literal showpiece for the splendid techniques and decorative treatments mastered by the ébéniste (cabinet-maker) during the rise of Rococo style. French commodes were status symbols in the home, and very costly to make and is still one of the most popular pieces of furniture today.

Elements of Rococo Commodes

- ① The cabriole leg reached its zenith
- ② Gilded brass mounts, called ormolu
- ③ Usually placed with marble tops
- ④ The serpentine curve developed by Charles Cressent during the Regence
- ⑤ The bombé commode, which became very popular in France, named for its "swollen" shape that curved continuously down the sides into the cabriole legs
- ⑥ Embellished with fine veneering and high gloss lacquer finish



Let's update your décor with commodes!

Today's antique commodes make great centerpieces for entry halls and living rooms. Match an antique commode with a large painting or mirror, a table lamp, and other collectibles is chic, stylish and luxurious. A piece like this can act as an anchor in any room, for any decor and will last a lifetime.



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