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## CONSTANTINE MIRROR

38cm x 200cm

dimensions: 38cm w x 4cm d x 200cm h  
15" w x 1½" d x 78¾" h  
frame: 5cm/2" w, flat  
description: gesso and burnished bole frame with verre eglomise mirror  
bole colours: black/pewter/baroque brown/terracota/putty (shown in putty)  
weight: approx 11kg/24¼lbs  
lead time: 10 - 12 weeks  
custom sizes available - please enquire  
prices exclusive of shipping and packing

each mirror is hand gilded and therefore unique - images are a guide only as each piece will vary

verre eglomise is silver leaf gilded on to glass • each leaf is laid side by side hence the pattern of squares on the surface • the silver leaf is left to dry, then steamed and burnished in order to enhance the reflective quality of the surface • it is sealed with lacquer to prevent the silver from tarnishing • it is a very time consuming process, but the resulting mirror is delicate and beautiful

gesso and bole is the base usually prepared for water gilding; the technique is centuries old • six to eight layers of gesso, and then three to four layers of bole (which is a mixture of natural earth pigments and gelatin glue) are applied whilst warm • each layer of the gesso, and each layer of the bole is finely sanded, and then the last layer of bole is burnished

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