

HOME FRONT  country classic

The Blanket Chest

FOR CENTURIES AN ICON OF AMERICAN FURNITURE, THE BLANKET CHEST, WITH ITS PRACTICAL BEAUTY, MAINTAINS ITS ENDURING APPEAL—IN EVERY STYLE AND PRICE.

DECORATIVE FINISHES
 The salmon-and-black swirl and feathering are classic 19th-century techniques.

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ORIGIN Lehigh County, Pa., c. 1815.

ORIGINAL USE To store blankets, linens, and other household goods.

DETAILS Made of tulip poplar and pine, this chest is original from its brass hardware to the ogee feet. Drawers with ebonized trim add value, as does the swirling painted finish, which remains remarkably intact.

C.L. PRICKETT ANTIQUES, **\$54,000**;
 (215) 493-4284; CLPRICKETT.COM.



...AND NOW



TRADITIONAL

Crafted from cherry and cherry veneers with a distressed antique cherry finish, this chest has a deep, cedar-lined interior that offers roomy storage. **LANE HOME FURNISHINGS, \$450**; LANEFURNITURE.COM.



ARTISAN

This handmade poplar chest has the look of a Shaker-style antique. With its Premium Museum finish of Barn Red over Blue, it's an heirloom for tomorrow. **THE WORKSHOPS OF DAVID T. SMITH, \$185**; DAVIDTSMITH.COM.



MODERN

Made of cherry and lined in aromatic cedar, this contemporary classic features contrasting dovetails and brass hinges, plus a drawer and interior till box. **THOS. MOSER, \$4,650**; THOSMOSER.COM.



CATALOG

Distinguished by bold tiger maple panels and a striking black crackle over Red Museum finish, this Sheraton panel back poplar chest can easily double as a coffee table. **CIRCA 1820, \$485**; CIRCA1820.COM.

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