



Made by William Birch for Liberty & Co. – Arts and Crafts Beech Child's Chair

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£550

MAKER	William Birch
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1900-1909
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Rush
DIMENSIONS	H: 25.98 in (66 cm) W: 13.78 in (35 cm) D: 12.2 in (31 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

This **Arts and Crafts beech child's chair** by **William Birch for Liberty & Co.** was produced around 1900 and demonstrates the unity of form and craft that defined the *Arts and Crafts movement* (1880–1910). The ebonised frame, with lattice back and square legs, supports a hand-rushed seat of traditional weave, its geometry both functional and decorative.

The design belongs to the British vernacular tradition that Liberty championed, modest in ornament yet expressive in proportion and material truth. Birch's High Wycombe workshop produced furniture for Liberty's catalogue, translating the ideals of Morris and the Guild of Handicraft into accessible domestic forms.