Sailor's Seam Rubber

Sold



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Height: 10.16 cm (4")

Width: 3.68 cm (1.4")

Depth: 2.54 cm (1")

Description

This Seam Rubber was probably made by its owner and would have been one of many useful tools he kept in his Ditty bag. They were used by sailors to crease canvas and flatten seams.

They were typically made of wood or whale bone. The hard ebony of this one would have been particularly suitable to the job. The initials PM scratched into the wedge

The rubber is tactile with a ball that sits in the palm to push the wedge-shaped end over a seam. Early to mid 19th Century.

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