

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

Vintage Wicker Sewing Box — Blue Tufted Satin Lining — c.1940s–1960s



MARKET VALUE

\$45–95

Realistic shop/private-sale price, good condition with intact lining

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$85–150

Collector ceiling for a complete, well-preserved example with original lining



*Vintage wicker sewing box, c.1940s–1960s
Braided rope handle & loop latch closure
Original blue tufted satin lining — lid & interior*

Vintage Wicker Sewing Box

*Blue Tufted Satin Lining — Braided Handle —
c.1940s–1960s*

HISTORY

The wicker sewing basket or box was a household staple for generations of American women, serving as the central repository for needles, thread, thimbles, scissors, buttons, and the countless small tools of domestic needlework. From the Victorian era through the mid-20th century, the sewing basket held a place of honor in parlors and sitting rooms — not merely a utilitarian container, but a personal object that reflected the maker's taste and the home's sense of order and craft.

This particular sewing box represents the mid-century refinement of the form — a rectangular wicker construction with tight, even weave, a braided rope loop handle, and a simple but secure loop-latch closure. The exterior wicker is warm honey-toned with darker banding trim at the edges, giving it a two-tone elegance. The most distinguished feature is its interior: the lid is lined with **blue tufted satin** — the fabric gathered and button-tufted in a classic diamond pattern — and the interior box itself is lined in the same smooth blue satin. This lining style, borrowed from fine jewelry boxes and Victorian-era sewing cases, was a mark of quality in mid-century sewing accessories.

Wicker sewing boxes of this construction were produced in quantity from the 1940s through the 1960s, often imported from Asia (Japan, the Philippines, or China) or made domestically in smaller craft operations. The ones that survive with their original satin linings intact — unfrayed, unstained, and unfaded — are increasingly hard to find. Most examples seen today have deteriorated linings or have been relined, making this well-preserved example particularly desirable to collectors of vintage sewing accessories and domestic folk art.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ♦ Form: Rectangular wicker sewing box with hinged lid
- ♦ Handle: Braided rope loop handle — sturdy and original
- ♦ Closure: Loop-latch closure, intact and functional
- ♦ Interior: Original blue tufted satin lining — lid and box interior, button-tufted diamond pattern
- ♦ Exterior: Tight honey-toned wicker weave with darker banding trim
- ♦ Era: c.1940s–1960s — peak period of American mid-century sewing accessory production
- ♦ Condition: Lining intact and preserved — a key value factor for this form

Collector's note: Vintage wicker sewing boxes are collected both as functional antiques and as decorative domestic folk art. The critical value factor is the condition of the interior lining — examples with the original satin lining fully intact (not torn, relined, or water-stained) command a significant premium over those that have been restored. This box's original blue tufted satin lining, intact in both the lid and interior, places it in the upper tier for this category. Market Value reflects realistic shop pricing; Estimated Worth reflects what a vintage sewing accessory or domestic antiques collector would pay for a complete, well-preserved example.

"Every stitch that was ever sewn began with a quiet reach into just such a box as this."