



LARGE VINTAGE FRENCH CARVED AND PAINTED TERRACOTTA TORTOISE

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Decorate a garden or backyard with this vintage tortoise. Purchased in France and made of terracotta, the large "Tortue" is set on its flat and stable shell. This sculpture is a captivating piece of craftsmanship with a rustic, aged finish that gives it a sense of timelessness. The tortoise is intricately detailed, with carefully carved scales and a textured shell that exudes a natural, earthy charm. The dark, distressed patina enhances its antique appeal, making it a striking decorative item. Its sturdy, solid form suggests durability, while the lifelike features convey a sense of calm and resilience. This tortoise would make a unique addition to any space, offering both artistic beauty and a symbol of longevity and stability. The sculpture is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns a rich patinated antique finish. Weight 41 pounds. The word "turtle" comes from the French "Tortue," which traces back to the Latin "tartaruchus," meaning "of the underworld," reflecting ancient beliefs about their mysterious and enduring nature. In some cultures, turtles hold significant symbolic and spiritual meaning, representing longevity, stability, and wisdom. Measures: 20"W x 28" D x 12" H.