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### Flandria

**Stock#:** 91008mp2  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1573  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19.25 x 15 inches  
**Price:** Not Available



#### Description:

A nice example of Ortelius's map of Flanders.

The map is executed inside of a decorative strapwork egg-shaped border and is one of the most decorative of Ortelius' regional maps and is further embellished with a compass rose, sailing ships in battle, sea monsters, a coat of arms and a woman seated and holding grain. The map is based upon Gerard Mercator's map of Flanders of 1540.

Flanders was one of the richest and most important regions of Europe throughout the modern era. This low-lying Dutch-speaking province hosted some of the great cities of Europe, with "Gendr" (Ghent) being pictured here as the greatest city in the region. Antwerp is shown as part of "Brabantia," and Zeeland Flanders as part of Dutch Zealandia, indicating how much the concept of Flanders has changed. While Flanders originally referred to solely the region shown on this map which comprised the fiefdom of Flanders, while now it refers to all of Dutch-speaking Belgium.

#### Detailed Condition:

Old Color, recently retouched. Restored with large triangular section added in facsimile at the top center.