

The Leather Pouch Set

Strange but true ~ I have spent approximately 30 years searching for a nice pocket Chess set.

Why so long? Well, usually I like a good weight to pieces, which dictates good size also. Magnetic sets are great, but I simply just don't like any of them & small pieces are often ugly stools.

Yet now behold, for this truly is a most beautiful set...

... so beautiful in fact, it is now the *only* set with which I want to study and play.

The board is a print-dye upon the inside of a leather drawstring pouch. The pieces are natural wood & yet, whilst very small (4.5cm King) & unweighted, they have an incomparable exquisite charm to them.

The game position featured is from *Fischer Vs Spassky 1992* {Game 1}. Thus the book in the background is *The Mammoth Book Of The World's Greatest Chess Games*.

Whilst the pieces are extremely light to hold, they play much firmer with a solid underboard to the leather, such as the circular wooden one seen in the second photo.

Aye, whilst it is usually true that a good sized, well crafted and suitably weighted competition set delivers a seamlessly fluid and well pronounced playable arena, it is also true that minimalist, spiritual people like myself eventually find the regular classical wooden board & piece sets to be overly elaborate and almost, I suppose, somewhat a statement of greed.

Yes in retrospect, I have noticed how the only opponent I am likely to find is one with likewise slender fingers and a passion for the aetherical nature of life!

Yet whilst that may be true, I have also discovered how in actual reality, if you are a person willing to play with such a simple and delicate set, such as The Leather Pouch Set, you absolutely have to be more interested in the game than whatever the pieces look like.

And this is the holy skewered point I am trying to make.



The Leather Pouch Set embodies not only the beautifully aesthetic minimalist spirituality of all time and space, but with it the commandment of an absolutely thoroughly devoted game of Chess.



Last but by no means least, there is plenty of room inside the pouch for two wooden 6-sided dice... the essential icing of the cake for an even better game... of *Scacchronos*. Visit www.jeppsquare.me to find out more about this amazing Chess Variant!

For anyone interested in acquiring a similar set for themselves, this leather pouch Chess set and other games just like it can be bought directly from the artisan **Steffen Schmidt**, of *Historische Brettspiele*.

Follow the link below to visit his Etsy Webshop.

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