Know what you are looking for: over the years hardware and lighting has been produced in many types, with assorted functions.

When looking for a replacement, know exactly how the searched for product functions. If you are unsure send us your drawings or pictures.

Shape, Proportions and Scale should be considered, after determining the size needed. To create a visual test: use painter's tape and/or a cardboard cutout. This provides a useful template showing the relationship between product and project.

Style - Period historical periods are characterized by particular appearances. Restorations often look best when the replacement product is representative of the same era as the piece it will be used on. Personal syle should always be considered; select what you like!

The 5 most important concerns when choosing antique hardware and lighting!

Know the size you need: although products look similar, measurements may greatly vary!, Products tend to have their own measurement guidelines. To assure fit: accurately measure to know your needed size, then compare to what's available.

Finish and Material: polished metals tend to be more formal in appearance while muted finishes complement rustic and informal styles. When selecting hardware: brass is more durable and longer lasting than other metals.



