# Versatile antique sterling silver épergne

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Height: 210 mm (8.27")

Diameter: 500 mm (19.69")

Weight: 3837 g

Description

Fine quality antique silver épergne centrepiece in a design reminiscent of silverware made around 1750. The stepped body has cast apron panels interspersed with the cast openwork supports. The detachable branches hold either vases or nut dishes, or a combination. The central detachable bowl is hand-pierced and has applied cast scroll and gadroon borders. This design is also found on the rims of the vases and dishes. This silver centrepiece is most versatile because it can also be used without the branches.

Originating in 17th century France, the épergne first came to England in the early 18th century. Traditionally made of silver, an épergne has a large central bowl or basket sitting on three to five feet. Radiating from this central bowl are between two to seven branches supporting smaller silver or crystal baskets, dishes or candleholders. It was originally designed to hold any type of food, fruit or sweetmeats for guests at the table and some later designs introduced other elements so that it could be used as a decorative table centrepiece to display candles and flowers.

This antique silver épergne is not available to purchase online. Please get in touch if you would like more information or are interested to buy it.