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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Two-handed sterling silver tea strainer & drip bowl

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£525



REF: 9169

Height: 40 mm (1.57")

Width: 150 mm (5.91")

Depth: 85 mm (3.35")

Weight: 145 g

Description

Much better than average, two-handled, heavy-gauge sterling silver tea strainer resting on its original silver stand. The pierced interior of the strainer is gilded and fitted with an applied cast floral and scroll mount and handles. The stand is mounted on three cast hoof-shaped supports.

Loose tea is so superior to the teabag and deserving of a silver tea strainer. The pierced bowl captures the loose tea leaves as you pour tea from the teapot, and the stand catches the drips when the strainer is returned to the stand. Sit back and savour a real cup of tea.

Documentation of tea strainers appears in ancient history, but it was the arrival and rise in popularity of loose-leaf tea in 17th-century Europe when they evolved from simple pierced bowls to ornate, decorative silver tea accessories for the wealthy, with designs varying from basket-shaped to those with stands, reflecting changing fashions and the ever-increasing pleasure in the ritual of tea drinking.