

Matched set of four antique sterling silver owl menu or place card holders

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REF: 8241

Height: 40 mm (1.57")

Diameter: 25 mm (0.98")

Weight: 45 g

Description

Charming set of four antique sterling silver menu or place card holders, modelled as owls and made during the Edwardian era at the start of the 20th century. Each features a finely detailed owl, with amber glass eyes and mounted on the side of a domed base with a slot to house the place name or menu. The owls are double-sided so you can see the same little character from the back or front.

As a fine and traditional addition to fine dining, it was the Victorians who first introduced menu holders to our dining tables. Silver menu holders and place card holders were first created to hold a card displaying the menu and, rather than putting a place card holder and name in front of each diner as we often do today, silver menu holders were spread and passed around the dining table.