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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Chinese silver napkin ring

Maker's Mark Indistinct

Sold



REF: 3265

Height: 30 mm (1.18")

Diameter: 47 mm (1.85")

Weight: 28 g

Description

A nice quality Chinese silver napkin ring with applied bird and cherry blossom decoration and bamboo style edges, all popular and familiar Chinese design cues.

Chinese export silver was produced in China from the mid-18th to mid-20th century for a largely Western audience. With Western-inspired forms new, highly desirable works of Chinese export silver were created, with a mix of Western forms and Eastern iconography. During the mid-China Trade period (1840-1880), silversmiths began adding Chinese decorative motifs such as bamboo, dragons or warriors onto typically Western forms. Cranes and dragons are extremely popular motifs. For many thousands of years dragons have symbolised wisdom, harmony and prosperity in China, and in ancient Chinese culture, they represent imperial power.