Impressive 5-piece rococo style sterling silver tea & coffee set

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Height: 340 mm (13.39")

Width: 235 mm (9.25")

Depth: 165 mm (6.5")

Weight: 4390 g

Description

Antique sterling silver five-piece tea and coffee set, made in the rococo style that was first made popular during the early part of the 18th century. Each piece is hand chased in high relief and in great detail, and features scroll, foliage, trailing roses and stems decoration. The round bases are encircled with elegant French slant gadroon pattern decorations and each piece is engraved with a family crest inside a plain cartouche.

The kettle detaches from the original hallmarked sterling silver stand, supported by three impressive opposing scrolling legs that terminate with shell-shaped feet - a typical design cue of the rococo design era. The stand incorporates a plain scrolling frame which retains the original hallmarked detachable spirit burner and integrated hinged snuffer

The dimensions given are for the largest piece, the water kettle, whose capacity is 1400ml (47¼ fl oz). The teapot is 180mm (7") tall and brews 800ml (27 fl oz) which equates to five to six cups of your favourite Ceylon or Darjeeling.

Fun fact: You've probably wondered why the sugar bowls of antique tea sets are so large in proportion to the other pieces. In the 19th century, refined sugar was sold as a hard, 15" cone. Servants or hosts used heavy sugar shears or nippers to chip off chunks, and the broken pieces were chunky and took up much more volume than modern granulated or loose sugar.

This excellent five-piece sterling silver tea and coffee service is not available to purchase online. Please contact us if you would like more information or are interested to buy them.