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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Scottish bright-cut silver soup ladle

Maker Not Traced

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Description

Fine George III Scottish silver soup ladle with crisp bright-cut decoration on the handle and elegant embossed beading and fluting to the bowl.

Bright-cut decoration was most popular from the 1790s to the early 1800s. The edges of each piece are decorated with facets cut into the surface of the silver at different angles so that light is reflected at various angles and the decoration appears to be sparkling - hence the name "bright cut".

Although the use of ladles in Europe can be traced back to the Roman era, and the production of silver flatware made in England from as early as the 13th century, silver ladles were not widespread until the mid-18th century, following the rise in popularity of the silver soup tureen. Silver ladles were quickly produced in many shapes and sizes, and the number of ladle types seems to have grown with the emergence of silver sauce ladles, stew ladles, slotted ladles and punch ladles, to name just a few.