

Edwardian folding diptych silver photograph frame

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£3,400



REF: 9610 Height: 170 mm (6.69") Width: 265 mm (10.43") Weight: 217 g

Description

Stylish handmade antique silver double photograph frame with an elegant open-work surround modelled in an Arts and Crafts pattern. The two folded panelled frames open up and each aperture takes an image $5\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ " (135 mm x 95 mm). The back and easel are covered in dark blue velvet.

The birth of the Arts and Crafts movement in Britain in the late 19th century marked the beginning of a change in the value society placed on how things were made. This was a reaction to not only the damaging effects of industrialisation but also the relatively low status of the decorative arts. Arts and Crafts reformed the design and manufacture of everything from buildings to jewellery.

This frame's design perfectly reflects the core characteristics of the Arts and Crafts movement - a belief in craftsmanship which stresses the inherent beauty of the material, the importance of nature as inspiration, and the value of simplicity, utility, and beauty.