# Handmade antique Aesthetic style sterling silver photograph frame

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Height: 227 mm (8.94")

Width: 187 mm (7.36")

Depth: 15 mm (0.59")

Weight: 300 g

Description

Rare and early handmade Aesthetic style silver photograph frame from the late Victorian era. The border is hand hammered with a mottled effect. There is a cast central surround with a bark finish, a cast and applied beetle in one corner, and a spray of foliage, blossoms and branches in the other. The glass is bevelled.

"Art for art's sake", was a phrase coined by Theophile Gautier in 1835, and became the slogan for the Aesthetic Movement - a movement that set forth to promote the cult of pure beauty in the arts - dream-like & wistful.

Aesthetic silver design focused on decorative surface detail where the shape of pieces was borrowed from an earlier stylistic era, but now covered in a riot of flowers, plants and birds, featuring decorative motifs from Japan; herons, blossom, bamboo, chrysanthemum and butterflies.


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