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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Two-handed sterling silver tea strainer & drip bowl

John B Chatterley & Sons

£280



REF: 9694

Height: 27 mm (1.06")

Width: 115 mm (4.53")

Depth: 70 mm (2.76")

Weight: 113 g

Description

Elegant, useful sterling silver tea strainer with two scroll pattern handles enabling it to rest on its original silver stand or drip bowl, or on the rim of the tea cup. Loose tea is so superior to the teabag and deserving of a silver tea strainer. The pierced bowl captures the loose tea leaves as you pour tea from the teapot, and the stand catches the drips when the strainer is returned to the stand. Sit back and savour a real cup of tea.

Documentation of tea strainers appears in ancient history, but it was the arrival and rise in popularity of loose-leaf tea in 17th-century Europe when they evolved from simple pierced bowls to ornate, decorative silver tea accessories for the wealthy, with designs varying from basket-shaped to those with stands, reflecting changing fashions and the ever-increasing pleasure in the ritual of tea drinking.