# Antique octagonal silver-plated mustard pot

Elkington & Co

£150



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Height: 65 mm (2.56")

Diameter: 70 mm (2.76")

Weight: 144 g

Description

This fine quality, Victorian, silver-plated mustard pot has an octagonal body that has been beautifully hand-engraved with leaf and scroll detail to complement the shaped scroll border. It has blue glass liner to protect the interior from the mustard.

Mustard has been a popular condiment since medieval times and grand houses would appoint their very own mustarder, whose solely responsibility was to make sure the household mustard was always topped up. In those days mustard was used in dry powder form.

With growing popularity in the 18th century, mustard was produced in wet form and the desire for a specific container to serve it at the table. This spawned a variety of styles and designs, some of them in novelty forms.

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