George III silver butter shell

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Width: 150 mm (5.91")

Depth: 130 mm (5.12")

Weight: 128 g

Description

Large George III period silver butter dish in the shape of a scallop shell, mounted on three winkle shell supports. The dish has an applied reed pattern mount and is engraved with a family crest.

An understated type of butter dish is the silver butter shell. Silver butter shells have been crafted since the early 18th century and were realistically modelled on scallop shells usually sitting on three supports and, like this pair, the supports were often crafted as scallop, cockle or whelk shells.

Of course, these delightful silver shells do not need to be confined to serving butter and can be used to serve a range of condiments or snacks.

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