

Embossed antique square silver tea caddy

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£460



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Height: 100 mm (3.94") Width: 55 mm (2.17") Depth: 55 mm (2.17")

Weight: 141 g

Description

Small, late Victorian panelled silver tea caddy with. Each panel is embossed with sections of fanned fluting and floral work set around a scroll and bellflower cartouche. The caddy has a pull-off cover.

By the end of the 18th century tea canisters and chests were referred to as tea caddies. The word caddy is thought to derive from the Malay word "kati" which was a measure of tea weighing about one imperial pound.