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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Small square antique silver salver

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Sold



REF: 7280

Height: 22 mm (0.87")

Width: 140 mm (5.51")

Depth: 140 mm (5.51")

Weight: 263 g

Description

This 5½" square silver salver is based on a George I style, and was handmade in the same way as the original 18th century version. It is wonderfully heavy and is mounted on four simple legs. The plain, un-engraved surface could be engraved.

The word salver was a term used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. Like this one, some salver designs feature supporting feet - usually three or four.

The word derives from the Latin *salvare* meaning to save. Originally, food or drink intended for royalty would be initially tasted by a servant for signs of poison before it reached the royal top table. By being served on the salver indicated that this process had taken place and the food and drink was now fit for a king