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Victorian Cut-Glass Table Water Jug

£95

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Description

A handsome Victorian cut-glass table water jug, combining practical function with the sparkling decorative character that made richly cut glass such a prominent feature of the 19th-century dining table. Generously proportioned and beautifully made, it would have formed part of a formal water service, catching the candlelight or gaslight of the period with every facet.

The clear glass body is finely cut with a pattern of geometric and repeating decorative motifs, creating a lively play of light across the surface. Its substantial form, shaped pouring lip, and sturdy handle give the jug an elegant yet reassuringly practical presence. The weight and clarity of the glass are characteristic of Victorian tableware, made to withstand regular use while adding brilliance to the table setting.

During the Victorian period, elaborate cut-glass jugs were essential accessories for dining and entertaining, used for water, claret, lemonade, or other refreshments. Their sparkling surfaces complemented silver, porcelain, and linen, contributing to the richly layered visual effect of a well-dressed table.

Today, this attractive jug remains as useful as it is decorative. It would bring period character to a dining table, bar, kitchen, or drinks trolley, and would make a fine addition to a collection of Victorian glass, antique tableware, or entertaining pieces.

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