

Georgian cut steel beadwork reticule

£145



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Height: 17 cm (6.7")

Width: 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A fine example of an 18th century Georgian cut steel beadwork reticule with original silk drawstring, circa 1770

A reticule is a small, decorative handbag popular during the late 18th and early 19th centuries, especially among women in Regency-era England. Typically made of silk, velvet, or other fine fabrics, reticules were often embroidered or adorned with beads. They were used to carry personal items such as handkerchiefs, coins, and keys, replacing bulky pockets. With a drawstring closure, reticules were both practical and fashionable, serving as an essential accessory for women's wardrobes during that period.