

18th century silver and paste cross

£295



Description

An 18th century silver and French cut paste cross pendant with closed back setting, circa 1780.

French cut paste are exquisite, handcrafted pieces featuring imitation gemstones made from high-lead glass, cut and polished to mimic real diamonds. Originating in the 18th century, these pieces were popular among aristocrats seeking dazzling yet affordable adornments.

Skilled artisans meticulously faceted each stone, setting them in silver or gold. Coveted for their brilliance and craftsmanship, antique French paste jewellery remains highly collectible today, showcasing timeless elegance and historical charm in vintage and contemporary designs.