

Fine yellow gold seed pearl necklace

£3,450



Description

A fine mid 19th century yellow gold necklace set with seed pearls having a pendant loop in a fitted leather case. Circa 1850.

Seed pearls are tiny, delicate pearls. Despite their small size, they have played an outsized role in jewellery history, especially in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Artisans used seed pearls to create intricate patterns, borders, and floral motifs on necklaces, brooches, and garments. Often sewn onto fabric, they symbolised refinement, devotion, and wealth. Seed pearls are typically natural pearls, formed without nuclei, giving them subtle irregularity and soft lustre.

Today, they remain prized for antique jewellery, heirloom restoration, and designs celebrating fine detail. Collectors value their history, craftsmanship, and quiet elegance worldwide today still.