

SA742211

Antique Essex Crystal 18CT Gold Rose Flower Earrings



Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA742211****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 2 cm (0.8")

Width = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

The quality of these crystals is just breathtaking! They are amazing works of art in miniature. Reverse carved (intaglio) rock crystal cabochons are painted inside, backed with mother of pearl and mounted into 18-carat gold settings. The roses are very finely painted - some of these paintings are carried out with a brush using a single hair to achieve such fine detail and the arduous process of cutting and grinding the cabochon, then engraving and painting the inside of the crystal would take hundreds of tools and many days of concentrated work. Crystal carving and painting was traditionally a skill passed from generation to generation and very few artisans now have the knowledge or skill to produce this kind of work. Many items listed as "Essex crystal" are not actually genuine intaglio but these are the real deal! The rose subject matter is unusual, it's very common to find dogs, foxes and horses but flowers are much rarer. The earrings started out life as a cufflink which we had converted with sturdy wires made from 19th century 18-carat gold. Each earring is marked 18C on the back. Size: 2cm drop. The crystals measure 1.4cm diameter. Weight: 4.2g.

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