

Georgian yellow gold lovers token heart pendant

£145



Description

A Georgian yellow gold lovers token heart pendant with cannetille work and a pear cut green stone, circa 1780

Cannetille work is a decorative metal embroidery technique used primarily in jewellery and textile embellishment. Originating in the 18th century, it involves coiled or twisted fine wire, often gold or silver, fashioned into intricate patterns resembling delicate lace or filigree. The wire is shaped into spirals, scrolls, and floral motifs, then applied to fabric or incorporated into brooches, earrings, and other ornamental pieces.

Cannetille gained popularity during the Georgian and Victorian eras, especially in mourning jewellery. The craftsmanship requires precision and patience, reflecting a high level of artistry. Today, cannetille work remains admired for its elegance and historical charm.