

19th century silver and paste en tremblant brooch

£495



Description

A fine 19th century silver and paste en tremblant old cut stone and pearl spray brooch, circa 1860.

An en tremblant jewellery setting is designed to create constant, delicate motion, enhancing sparkle and life. Originating in the eighteenth century, it uses fine springs or flexible wires that allow gemstones, often diamonds or floral clusters, to quiver with the wearer's slightest movement. This subtle vibration catches light from multiple angles, making stones appear brighter and more animated.

En tremblant settings were especially popular in brooches, hair ornaments, and tiaras, where movement was pronounced. Today, they remain a symbol of exceptional craftsmanship, combining engineering precision with romantic elegance and visual drama. Highly prized by collectors, historians, and contemporary jewellery designers.