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Victorian Sheffield Plate Hot-Water Jug with Spirit Burner Stand

£175

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Height: 25 cm (9.8")

Diameter: 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A fine-quality Victorian Sheffield Plate hot-water jug, presented on its original stand with spirit burner. Elegantly made for the formal dining table or tea service, this handsome piece reflects the refinement and practical ingenuity of 19th-century entertaining.

The polished plated jug is raised on a fitted stand, designed to keep hot water at the desired temperature during service. Beneath it sits a spirit burner, providing a gentle and controlled source of heat, while the elevated form gives the piece an impressive and purposeful presence. Its design combines the brightness and elegance of Sheffield Plate with the robust construction required for regular household use.

Hot-water jugs of this kind were an important part of the Victorian tea and coffee table, ensuring that guests could be served with freshly heated water throughout a meal or social occasion. Their function made them especially valued in larger homes, where the ritual of service was central to domestic life. Today, they remain highly decorative reminders of the period's attention to hospitality, craftsmanship, and table presentation.

With its bright finish, architectural stand, and original spirit burner, this example would make a distinguished addition to a dining table, sideboard, or collection of antique silver plate. It is equally appealing as a practical serving piece or as a centrepiece for a traditional interior.

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