



### Antique Diamond and Silver Upon Gold Star Brooch, Circa 1890 £3,950.00

A Victorian diamond star brooch, with twelve points, set with old-cut diamonds, in grain settings, with an old-cut diamond, in the centre, in a raised, star shaped setting, with the longer points superimposed on the shorter points, mounted in silver-upon-gold, with a removable brooch fitting, with a later roller catch, circa 1890. Estimated total diamond weight 2.40 carats

In Victorian symbolism stars represented direction, wisdom and guidance for the spirit. This was inspired by sailors of previous eras who used stars in the night sky as navigation aids. Stars have been popular motifs since the 17th century, with women of the Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian eras adding diamond starbursts to their collections. The appearance of Halley's Comet, in 1758 and again in 1835, lead to a fashion for star and comet jewellery. This fascination with the solar system and its celestial bodies continued long after Halley's Comet disappeared from sight.

<b>Origin</b>	British
<b>Period</b>	Pre 1900
<b>Style</b>	Victorian
<b>Condition</b>	Very good
<b>Materials</b>	Gold
<b>Main Gemstone</b>	Diamond
<b>Main Gemstone Cut</b>	Old Cut



**Main Gemstone  
Carat**

2.40

**Dimensions**

Length 33.3mm, width 28.7mm. 5.63g

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