

A rare George III "Bell" Sugar Basket made in London in 1798 by Robert Sharp.

£1,350



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## Description

The Basket stands on a stepped circular foot decorated with gadrooning. The main body is modelled in an unusual "Bell" form and is decorated with a wide band of lobing on the lower section. The sides rise to a reeded rim and gilded interior. The handle is decoated with reeding and the front is engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a cartouche of drapery mantling. The basket is of the finest quality with a very good weight. This piece is fully marked on the foot and with the sterling mark on the handle.

This is a design which was peculiar to Robert Sharp, however very few examples exist. Height: to the rim: 3.5 inches, 8.75 cm. Diameter at the rim: 4.1 inches, 10.25 cm Height to the top of the handle: 5.5 inches, 13.75 cm. Weight: 8oz.