Antique "greek-style" Necklace - 18k Gold



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Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Gold

Length : 43,5 cm

Description

Antique "Greek Style" Necklace - 18k GoldAntique 18k yellow gold necklace featuring a graduated fringe of gold circles, each centered with stylized filigree scrolls.French craftsmanship.Late 19th Century.Specifications:Length: Approx. 43.5 cm.Circle Diameters: Graduated from 7.3 mm to 10 mm.Clasp: Spring ring (anneau ressort).Weight: 20 g (18k gold - 750/1000 - Eagle's head hallmarks).Condition: This necklace is in good overall condition.History and Style: The Neo-Classical TasteAntiquity was a timeless source of inspiration throughout the 19th century. From the friezes of Greek temples to Roman mosaics, jewelers drew from this formal repertoire to create pieces that blended geometric precision with intricate, delicate detailing.This

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necklace offers a refined interpretation of classical motifs. The striking contrast between the textured appearance of the filigree and the mirror-polished finish of the central bead and outer rim creates a subtle play of light. Rather than using different colors, the artisan played with textures to bring relief and depth to the composition.The Art of FiligreeThe term ""filigree,"" of Italian origin (filigrana), literally means work made of "threads" and "grains" (referencing the Dictionnaire de l'Académie Française). In jewelry making, this technique involves drawing gold into extremely fine wires (often between 0.1 and 0.5 mm) which are then twisted, coiled, and soldered.For each link of this necklace, the goldsmith had to shape the four internal scrolls with surgical precision before securing them within the gold circle. The central gold bead is not merely aesthetic; it skillfully conceals the solder point, demonstrating exceptional technical mastery where the structure itself becomes the ornament.