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# Sterling silver owl baby's rattle Attributed to Crisford & Norris

£345

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Description

A charming early 20th-century sterling silver baby's rattle, modelled as an alert owl with carefully worked feather detail, rounded body, and expressive, wide-set eyes. Attributed to Crisford & Norris of Birmingham, this delightful piece reflects the firm's refined approach to novelty silver and the enduring appeal of animal-themed nursery wares.

The owl form is both playful and beautifully observed. Its compact sculptural design would have made it an appealing christening or birth gift, while the gentle rattle provided an interactive purpose for its young owner. Such objects were often treasured within a family and passed down through generations, making them evocative survivors of Edwardian and early 20th-century childhood.

Crafted in sterling silver, the rattle has a warm, softly reflective finish that enhances the modelling and gives the piece a wonderfully tactile quality. The combination of practical function, skilled silversmithing, and whimsical design makes it equally appealing to collectors of antique nursery silver, animalia, and British decorative arts.



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