



Belle Époque Amethyst Pendant with Life-Size 18ct Gold Fly | French c.1900 POA

This unusual Belle Époque pendant from France, c.1900, combines lightness, wit, and skilled craftsmanship.

A large faceted amethyst hangs below a miniature fly in chased 18ct gold, as if it's just landed for a moment on the 18 carat amethyst. That combination of subtle irreverence and perfect execution is classic Paris c.1900.

The contrast is striking: the polished warmth of gold against the saturated violet of the amethyst, whose faceted sides catch the light while the front remains smooth and weighty.

The fly, a symbol of fleeting beauty, mischief, and transformation, is rendered with remarkable realism: its lifesize legs, wings, and body clearly formed in expert detail.

The pendant plays with expectations: it's elegant and beautiful, but never too serious.

It carries all the sophistication of Belle Époque design, yet retains a sense of fun - a touch of the surreal in a world of refinement.

At just 2.5cm tall, it's wearable, cheeky, and so chic.

A piece that draws you in, then makes you smile.

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E L T O N S

Origin	French
Period	Early 1900s
Materials	Gold
Main Gemstone	Amethyst

Carat for Gold	18 K
Main Gemstone Carat	approx 18 carats
Dimensions	4cm long Amethyst 1.5cm x 2.5cm

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