## Cups & Saucers of the World's Great Porcelain Houses



In 1898, the porcelain manufacturing firm of Royal Albert established itself in a small factory in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. This area was, and is today, the heart of England's porcelain industry.

Despite its relatively modest beginnings, Royal Albert grew and prospered because of the extraordinary skill of its artists and artisans — skills that have been passed on from one generation of Royal Albert craftsmen to the next. Royal Albert has long produced exquisite tea and breakfast sets, and has become the world's largest producer of open stock fine china (patterns continuously produced and thus always available).

Royal Albert now has four modern factories which create and manufacture fine porcelain for customers all over the world. One of these factories is located on the site of Royal Albert's original facility. Today, the craftsmen at Royal Albert are just as committed to excellence as they were at the turn of the century.

This romantically elegant cup and saucer set by Royal Albert was inspired by the Victorian era. Many of Royal Albert's patterns — such as this one — feature loosely clustered flowers in natural colors on a pristine white background. The pattern is called "Memories" and the soft shades of pink in the full English roses glow with a gentle warmth. This pattern was created by the famous English designer Alice Turner and was originally introduced in 1979. The graceful shape of the cup is called "Montrose." The marriage of the popular "Memories" pattern with the exquisite "Montrose" demitasse shape is unique to this collection.

Both cup and saucer are carefully highlighted with bands of 22kt gold which add a precious touch of character and distinction, thus providing the perfect finishing touch.

