

Small caddy for cosmetics, with figure skaters artwork, by Dulevo Porcelain Factory, dated 1956.

A little over 2" tall with the lid on, about 2.5" across. The sides are sculpted with arches resembling ancient Russian architectural styles and decorated with red roosters and floral designs. The centerpiece of the lid is, rather incongruously, a sepia photo of two figure skaters on ice. Their faces are so similar they just have to be twins. Maker marked on the bottom. This version of the Dulevo trademark logo was in use from 1951 to 1964 (fig. # 244a in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al).

In excellent condition. The lid shows a few microscopic dark dots that are under the glaze. As for post-production damage or wear, there is none visible with the naked eye.

Dulevo Porcelain Factory is the biggest Russian facility producing a wide assortment of porcelain and faience household, presentational and purely decorative items. It was founded in 1832 by a Russian merchant, Terentiy Kuznetsov. By the end of the 19th century, the Kuznetsovs had created a porcelain manufacturing empire producing 75% of all Russian porcelain and faience, famous for its high quality standards. In 1918, the factory was nationalized and renamed into Dulevo Newspaper Pravda Porcelain Factory. The factory stayed open during WW2 manufacturing items needed for the war effort. In the post-Soviet period, the factory first was in co-ownership by its personnel but in 2012 was bought out by a couple of private Russian entrepreneurs.

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