

## Podstakannik in Silver-Plated Brass, Rare, circa 1920s-30s.

Stands approx. 3 ½" tall to the tip of the handle, 2 ¾" wide at the top, 3" wide at the foot. In silver-plated brass, with an uncommon iterative ornament resembling banner tassels, running around the skirt. The skirt is reinforced on top with a band of brass. The edge of the foot is similarly reinforced, albeit by a narrower band. This would explain the great shape the podstakannik is in. Maker marked on the bottom. Manufactured by Industrial Workshop Metalloshtamp ("Промартель Изметсоюз") in Mstera.

In fair condition. The silver plating is mostly gone except for some leftovers in recessed areas. However, it is almost completely free of verdigris, and the patina on the brass is very attractive and adds a lot of character. The handle has been re-soldered at its bottom end, unfortunately, not very neatly. Overall though, the reinforced top and bottom allowed for just minimal and not very noticeable indentations to the bottom rim and none at all to the top.

A very attractive and rare piece which will be a boon to any collection of podstakanniki.

Mstera is an urban settlement in Vladimir Region, famous since the 17th century for its iconography. Since early Soviet era, its masters focused on artistic works at first in metals, later expanding to miniature lacquer painting on wood and one-of-a-kind murals in lacework.

Please note that the teaspoon in our last photo is for size reference.

Please note: If you try to come up with a replacement glass liner, it should be made of tempered glass even though we urge you not to use this to drink from! We offer this strictly as a historic artifact (and dramatic stage prop for your dining room or study). We provide no warranty of its suitability for drinking hot beverages like tea or coffee. All we know is that it should look great sitting on a tray next to your antique family samovar.

Enjoy!

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