

Papakha Fur Cap, dated 1967, made in the USSR for the huge October Revolution 50th anniversary year-long celebrations.

This hat was specifically intended for wear by the Soviet Army soldiers who were decked out in reproduction WW 1 era uniforms and parading as ceremonial Red Guards during the 1967 parade at Red Square in Moscow.

In gray imitation "lamb" fur, with khaki cloth top and quilted liner. The quilted liner is maker marked and dated "67". The size is not marked but appears to be about a 56 (approx. US size 7). There was once a specially-made red cloth cotton "ribbon" tacked on over the front flap to signify membership in the Bolshevik forces in the Revolution of 1917 and the Civil War that followed; the ribbon was removed at some point, but a remnant of it is still present on the inside front flap of the hat. There is a small inscription written on the inside of the front flap, obviously the initials of the 1967 Soviet soldier/"reenactor" to keep track of it during rehearsals and the actual anniversary parades.

The hat is in excellent condition. The artificial fur shows no wear, fading or losses. The liner is perfectly clean and sound. The attachment hooks holding the front flap in place are present and fully functional.

This cap is not an inexpensively made "theatrical" copy - it was actually manufactured in a Soviet military hat factory. An interesting historical collectible in its own right! If its relatively small size is not a problem, it may also serve very well to a WW2 Soviet reenactor, as it is nearly identical to an original M 1943 Papakha used by the colonels in the Red Army in the last years of the war.

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