

Mirror with hand-made Finift (painted enamel) painting on the reverse, circa 1970s, by Rostov Finift Factory.

Measures approx. 51 mm across, the mirror is in a metal frame. Two-part construction, with the convex part in the back done in the finift technique of multi-layered hot-baked enamels. Manufactured by the Rostov Finift Factory. In its original manufacturer's box with the maker's mark on the inside of the lid.

The artwork is in excellent superb condition. No visible post-production wear or damage of any kind. The reflective coating on the inside of the mirror has acquired some very minor age wear showing as dark spots but they are few and the mirror is quite usable. The metal frame shows a mild and even layer of attractive patina.

Rostov (a.k.a Rostov the Great) is a relatively small city in the Yaroslavl Region in central Russia. It became known for its enamel painting in the 1760s when a workshop was set up in the archbishop's house. The artists made miniature icons used for decoration of church items. Over the centuries, changing demand caused a great shift from religious to secular in their repertoire as well as growth in variety of their products. Nowadays, the masters of the Rostov Finift Factory make a wide assortment of brooches, earrings, bracelets, vanity boxes and souvenirs of top-level quality.

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