

Milk Glass Fruit Bowl by the Klyuchino Bolotin Glass Factory, circa 1885-1917.

Stands a little over 7" tall, the bowl is 9 3/4" across, the stem is approx. 4 1/4" high, 4 3/4" across at the bottom. Two-layer opaque glass. The opening in the center of the bowl where it connects with the stem is plugged by a separate glass seal.

In excellent condition. There are a couple of tiny imperfections in the glass of the bowl but no visible traces of post-production wear or damage of any kind, and the original gloss is very well preserved.

The Bolotin Glass Factory was founded in the village of Klyuchino, Tver Region, by the family of merchants, Bolotin by name, in 1859. It was one of the best glass factories of its time specializing in one of the most difficult and time-consuming technologies - colored glass and two- and three-layer glass.

In 1920, the factory was nationalized and in 1923, renamed to Krasnyj May ("Red May"). Even the village itself was renamed "Krasnomajskoye". Its signature technological achievement was the use of zinc sulfide glass, very rich in color which also changed in tone and intensity depending on the temperature and duration of blowing. This technology was put in production in 1959, and the factory was the only one in the world to use it. Unfortunately, the factory is now closed.

Please note that the fruits in our photo are for size reference only.

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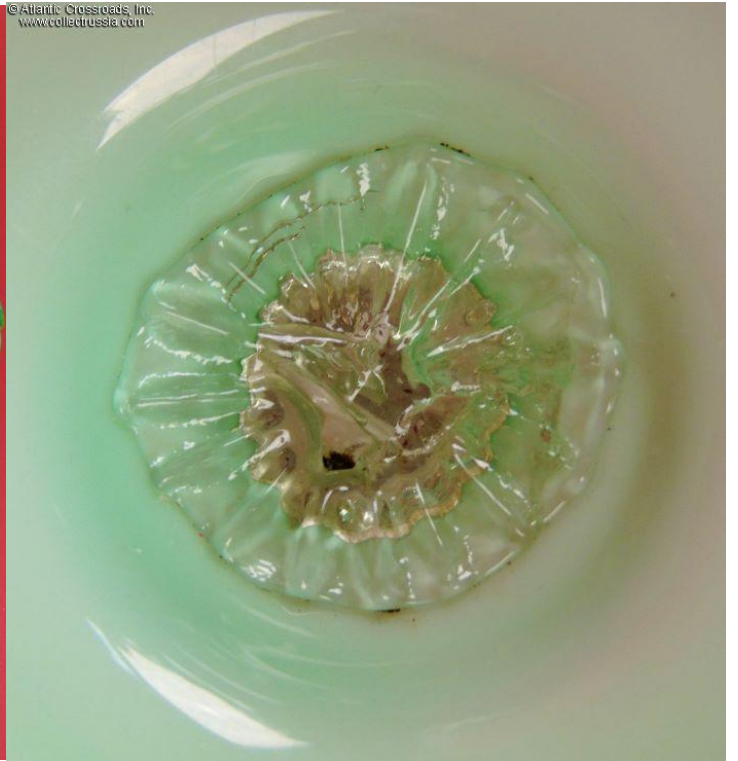
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