

Glazed porcelain pitcher "Rowan", with lid, by LFZ, Lomonosov Porcelain Factory, 1950-1954.

Stands approx. 9" tall to the tip of the stopper, 4" wide at the base. This pitcher is listed on p.37 item# 21 in Pocket Price Catalog Soviet Porcelain by Beloglazov (see our last photo). The listing has a price under the image. Please note that this price is for the Russian market as of 2012, the year of the catalog's publication. The maker's mark on the bottom was in use from 1950 to 1954 (fig. # 487 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). "1 COPT" next to it is the QC stamp confirming the pitcher's highest quality rating.

In excellent outstanding condition. Apart from a couple of tiny scuff spots to the knob of the lid, there is no visible damage of any kind anywhere on the surface.

Pitchers with rowan berries in their design were very popular in the Soviet Union for a very specific reason. They were the perfect vessels for serving Ryabinovka ("Рябиновка"), a popular alcoholic beverage, mostly DIY whereby you just stuffed a cluster of rowan berries into a bottle or jar and poured a quantity of vodka (or Soviet-made brandy in fancier households) over it. Seal the vessel, let it steep for a week or more and you get a nicely colored festive liqueur-like drink favored by ladies for its sweetness. Considering the severely limited variety and deficit of hard liquor in stores and the horrendous quality of Soviet-made vodka made for the domestic market, the popularity of Ryabinovka is quite obvious.

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

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