

Soviet Georgia themed podstakannik in Neusilber, circa 1960s-70s.

Stands about 10.5 cm tall to the tip of the handle, 8.5 cm wide at the bottom rim. The artwork of the centerpiece in 3D high relief presents a tea plantation on a mountain slope, surrounded by palm trees. A richly detailed floral ornament, also in high relief, runs around the skirt, underscored by a row of attractive window-like openings. The bottom rim features the maker's logo graphic of a wood grouse, the trademark of the Kolchugino Factory. The letters "MHL" stand for "Медь, Никель, Цинк" (copper, nickel, zinc). Depending on the ratio of the component metals, the alloy is called either Neusilber / German silver / nickel silver or i>Melchior.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The metal is still almost patina-free and very light, close to its original silver shine which earned Neusilber and Melchior the name "nickel silver" and made it the best alloy for high-end art castings in Russia. The base shows minor use wear in the form of small scuffs, but there is very much luster remaining, so this scuffing is not detractive. There are no dents or any irregularities to the edges of the metal anywhere.

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 actually 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.

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