

Hand-Painted Porcelain Serving Teapot, maker marked, 1970 - 1991.

This giant holds up to 3 liters of water, almost 0.8 of a US gallon! Stands approx. 9" tall to the tip of the lid. Maker marked on the bottom. This version of the mark of the Gorodnitsa Porcelain Factory was in use from 1970 through the 2000s (fig. # 150 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). However, the Soviet Sign of Quality which signifies the highest quality ranking, could only be put prior to the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

In outstanding, excellent condition. The gilt is intact everywhere, even inside the spigot, and has preserved all of its original luster. There are no scuffs, scratches, nicks or chips visible to the naked eye.

In the Russian tea ceremony tradition, two teapots are used: a smaller one for steeping the tea leaves and a larger one for serving hot water. Huge porcelain pots like this were often part of a tea service, intended for an extended family gathering or a really large holiday dinner.

Gorodnitsa Porcelain Factory was founded in 1807 in the village of this name in Ukraine. Its first product lines were mostly household faience items. After WW2, the factory acquires new master sculptors. They develop models in various "themes", such as happy childhood, fairy tale characters, animals, busts of famous people of arts and music, as well as political leaders. In mid-1960s Gorodnitsa was one of the largest producers of artistic porcelain in the USSR, won several prizes at international fairs. Unfortunately, it all ended in 2012 when the factory announced bankruptcy and was closed.

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