

Hand-Painted Porcelain Tea Service Cherries for 4 Persons (11 pcs), by Dulevo Factory, dated 1951.

The set includes a teapot with lid, a creamer, a large vase or bowl for pastries or confectionaries, 4 cups, and 4 saucers. Each item is maker marked on the bottom. "2c" and "51" under the graphic logo of the Dulevo Porcelain Factory stand for second quality rating, and the year 1951. Laconic cherry-themed artwork with lots of white space between the elements is charmingly reminiscent of Limoges porcelain.

In excellent condition. The 2nd quality rating implies the presence of minute imperfections which do not affect the quality or usability of the item. In our view, the imperfections we see in this set only add to its charm, individuality, and artistry, making it "more hand-made", so to speak. The only post-production wear is the vertical hairline on the wall of the pastries vase. However, it is not too intrusive to the eye. With proper care, this vase has many more years of life and service in it.

As for the imperfections incurred during manufacturing, those are occasional dark dots in the porcelain mass under the glaze, the pink blush of a cherry or the green of a leaf now and then escaping beyond the contour lines, or - our favorite imperfection! - the "wavy" line of the lip of some of the saucers (seen in our photo). There is also a little bit of wear to the lip of the cups visible at close inspection, and at close inspection only.

Dulevo Porcelain Factory is the biggest Russian facility producing a wide assortment of porcelain and faience household, presentational and purely decorative items. It was founded in 1832 by a Russian merchant, Terentiy Kuznetsov. By the end of the 19th century, the Kuznetsovs had created a porcelain manufacturing empire producing 75% of all Russian porcelain and faience, famous for its high standards of quality. In 1918, the factory was nationalized and renamed into Dulevo Newspaper Pravda Porcelain Factory. The factory stayed open during WW2 manufacturing items needed for the war effort. In the post-Soviet period, the factory first was in co-ownership by its personnel but in 2012 was bought out by a couple of private Russian entrepreneurs.

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

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