

### Porcelain Polka Dot Creamer, by Baranovka Factory, maker marked, 1973-90s.

Cheerful and diminutive, standing mere 3 3/4" tall to the tip of the spout. 3 1/2" wide at the waist, 2" across at the foot. Medium-sized white polka dots on deep scarlet background. The lip and foot are accented by a thin black line. Maker marked on the bottom. This version of the trademark of the Baranovka Porcelain Factory was in use from 1973 through the 1990s (fig. # 47 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). The USSR Sign of Quality

In very good to excellent condition. The red glaze shows a small chip at the "shoulder", and a couple microscopic ones near the spout. One side also has a couple of dark streaks that appear to be under the glaze. The wear is not too intrusive to the eye and not significantly detractive.

Baranovka Porcelain Factory was founded in 1802 when brothers Mezer purchased a plot of land on the outskirts of the town of Baranovka, (currently in Zhitomir Region) with the purpose of building a porcelain manufacturing facility. After 1917, the factory was nationalized and grew considerably in the volume and assortment of manufactured items, focusing mostly on utilitarian household items such as plates, cups, etc., but also produced decorative and presentation items such as figurines, wall plates, etc.

In post-Soviet times, the factory was purchased by a Czech company. Following supply problems caused accruing a lot of debt leading to the bankruptcy and closure of the factory in 2013.

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

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