

Porcelain Tea Service Radio Waves, three cup-saucer pairs by Dmitrovsky Factory, Verbilki, 1966-91.

Each cup stands 2 1/2" tall, 3 1/4" across at the lip, 1 3/4" across at the foot. The saucers are 5 1/2" across at the lip and uncommonly deep, standing a full 1" tall. Manufactured by the Dmitrovsky Porcelain Factory, Verbilki. Each item is maker marked on the bottom (fig. # 189 in Volume One of Marks on Soviet Porcelain, Faience, and Majolica, 1917-1991 by Nasonova et al). The simple design of concentric red and gold circles symbolizing radio waves, became popular with the first successes and excitement of the Soviet space exploration era, and never fell out of fashion with the Soviet population.

In excellent, outstanding condition, showing no significant post-production wear of any kind visible to the naked eye.

Verbilki is an urban-type settlement in the Moscow Region, about 70 miles to the north of Moscow. In 1766 an English banker Francis Gardner founded a porcelain factory there. It was the first private porcelain factory, competing with the Imperial Porcelain Factory which manufactured fine porcelain exclusively for the Russian Imperial Court. By the mid-1770s, the Gardner factory was on par with the Imperial Porcelain Factory in terms of quality and artistic merit of their product and won multiple commissions from the Russian Imperial Court. The most prestigious of those were a number of huge magnificent services for royal banquets for the Russian Empress Catherine the Great. After 1917, the factory was renamed into "Dmitrovo Porcelain Factory". The same masters continued to work there, maintaining the old style and tradition of high standards of quality. In post-Soviet times it was renamed again and is currently known as "Verbilki Porcelain" ("Фарфор Вербилк")

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

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