



Large Russian Sosenkov Tula Copper Samovar, Early 20th Century



450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Copper

Width : 30

Height : 50

Description

Antique samovar, coal-fired hot water dispenser, made of copper with a tray and bowl. Two drooping side handles made of turned wood, wooden knobs, and a partially openwork spout. Square base resting on four small feet. Hallmarks of the Nikolai Sosenkov factory in Tula on the lid and body of the samovar; also on the tray and bowl. Marked 1903. Period: early 20th. Dimensions: 50x30 cm, tray 45x25 cm; weight 5.5 kg. Good condition. On-site pickup preferred, shipping available. The samovar (from the Russian "samo," "self," and "var," to boil) is inspired by Mongolian kettles used since the 13th century. In the late 18th century, Russia began producing them in Tula, the heart of the Russian metallurgical industry, not far from Moscow. The product quickly became popular and was

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exported to Eastern countries such as Afghanistan and Iraq. In the 19th century, Tula had 28 samovar factories, with an annual production of approximately 120,000 samovars. This industry gave rise to the expression "bringing one's own samovar to Tula," which describes a pointless action. The Nikolai Sosenskov factory (also known as "Sosenskov and Sokolov") was founded in the second half of the 19th century; it produced copper and brass samovars heated with coal. The brand's hallmarks are stamped on the lid and body (usually "Sosenskov and Sokolov in Tula" or "N. Sosenskov"). Sosenskov samovars are now considered rare antiques, sought after by collectors. A few examples can be found at the Museum of Samovars and Boulyotokas (in the village of Grumant) or at the Tula Samovar Museum.