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FC Deruta Maiolica Pitcher, Circa 1970

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Description

A charming small Italian maiolica pitcher by FC Deruta, made circa 1970. Produced in the historic Umbrian town of Deruta-renowned for its centuries-old tradition of tin-glazed ceramics-the pitcher has the lively colour, hand-painted decoration, and pleasingly tactile character associated with Italian decorative pottery.

Its compact, practical form is enhanced by a gracefully shaped handle and pouring lip, making it an appealing object both for use and display. The tin-glazed surface provides a luminous ground for the hand-painted decoration, while the slight variations in brushwork and glaze give the piece the individuality and warmth of studio-made ceramics.

Small Deruta pitchers such as this were created to bring traditional Italian pottery into everyday life: useful enough for the table, yet decorative enough for a dresser, kitchen shelf, or display cabinet. Its modest scale makes it particularly versatile-as a small water or milk jug, a vessel for a few stems, or simply as an attractive decorative accent.

A delightful example of later 20th-century Italian maiolica, combining a celebrated regional craft tradition with the cheerful, informal elegance of the period.

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