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# Rouen Faience Inkwell, Circa 1769

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Height: 5 cm (2")

Width: 11 cm (4.3")

Depth: 11 cm (4.3")

## Description

A charming and finely made 18th-century Rouen faience inkwell, dating to circa 1769. Crafted in tin-glazed earthenware, this elegant object belongs to the celebrated tradition of Rouen pottery, whose workshops were among the most influential in France from the late 17th century onwards.

Rouen faience is admired for its opaque white tin glaze and lively hand-painted decoration, often inspired by oriental ceramics, French ornament, and the decorative arts of the period. Small desk objects such as this inkwell offered makers an ideal surface for imaginative decoration, transforming a practical writing accessory into a refined object for the study, library, or writing table.

Inkwells were an indispensable part of 18th-century domestic and professional life, used for the preparation of letters, accounts, and documents. This example retains the decorative charm and quiet presence that make antique faience so appealing: an object made for everyday use, yet elevated through colour, craftsmanship, and the distinctive character of hand-painted ceramics.

A delightful and increasingly scarce survival from the French Ancien Régime, it would make a wonderful addition to a collection of Rouen faience, French decorative arts, antique writing accessories, or 18th-century ceramics. It also displays beautifully as a small standalone object in a cabinet, library, or on a desk.



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