

19TH CENTURY FRENCH BARBOTINE PIG PITCHER IN THE STYLE OF ONNAING

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Full of humor and French country charm, this antique barbotine pitcher is modeled as a wonderfully expressive pig carrying a cured ham beneath one arm. Crafted in Northern France circa 1880, the whimsical ceramic jug is traditionally known as Cochon au Jambon, or “Pig with Ham,” and was produced in the style associated with the celebrated Onnaing faience manufactory.

The pig wears a green laurel-leaf crown, while a sculpted string of sausages forms the imaginative handle along the back. Hand-painted details include a warm tan complexion, rosy accents, green foliage, and richly modeled features that give the animal an engaging personality. The open snout serves as the spout, completing the playful figural design. A model number is impressed or inscribed on the underside.

A similar example is illustrated on page 69 of Maryse Bottero’s reference book Pichets en Barbotine. Founded in 1821, the Onnaing factory became particularly renowned for its colorful majolica pitchers depicting animals, humorous characters, and historical figures.

The pitcher is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, with vibrant glaze colors throughout. It would make a charming addition to a collection of French majolica, animal-form ceramics, or country kitchen décor.

Dimensions: 8" W x 4.5" D x 8.25" H.

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