

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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*W.C. Fields Chalkware Statue
ESCO Productions, 1975 — 17"*

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$75 – \$150

*Based on 2024–2025 sold listings
for ESCO 17" W.C. Fields
chalkware statues in good condition*

W.C. Fields Chalkware Statue

ESCO Productions, 1975 — Hand-Painted, 17"

Vintage American Celebrity Collectible

HISTORY

William Claude Dukenfield (1880–1946), known the world over as W.C. Fields, was one of America's most beloved and irreverent entertainers. A self-taught juggler who rose from poverty to become a vaudeville legend, Broadway star, and Hollywood icon, Fields was famous for his bulbous nose, sardonic wit, and curmudgeonly screen persona. His films — including *It's a Gift* (1934), *The Bank Dick* (1940), and *Never Give a Sucker an Even Break* (1941) — remain comedy classics. In the 1970s, a wave of nostalgia for Golden Age Hollywood celebrities sparked a thriving collectibles market. ESCO Productions of Seattle, Washington became the premier manufacturer of large-format chalkware celebrity statues during this era, producing hand-painted figures of Fields, Laurel & Hardy, Charlie Chaplin, and others that are now highly collectible in their own right.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Subject: W.C. Fields — iconic American comedian & actor (1880–1946)
- ◆ Manufacturer: ESCO Productions — Seattle, WA
- ◆ Year: 1975
- ◆ Material: Chalkware (gypsum plaster), hand-painted finish
- ◆ Height: 17 inches tall on wooden oval base
- ◆ Depiction: Fields in signature orange coat & black top hat with white band
- ◆ Finish: Multicolor hand-painted; detailed facial caricature
- ◆ Weight: Approximately 6–7 lbs — solid construction
- ◆ Condition: Very good vintage — paint vivid, no significant damage observed

♦ Era: 1970s Hollywood nostalgia collectible market

COLLECTOR NOTES

ESCO Productions chalkware celebrity statues from the 1970s have developed a dedicated collector following. The W.C. Fields figure is among the most popular in the ESCO lineup, prized for its expressive caricature likeness and bold hand-painted colors. Examples in excellent condition — with vivid paint, intact base, and no cracking — command the upper end of the market range. This 17" example displays strong color retention and fine detail, making it a desirable piece for both W.C. Fields enthusiasts and vintage Americana collectors alike.

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