

Sharing Glass.....

Princess Candy

*by Hocking Glass Company
1931-1935.*

Listed as available in 4 colors**, collectors see 5 colors which are apricot yellow, blue, green, pink and topaz yellow. There is some question that topaz and apricot were two different colors****.



This is the candy dish with lid in green. Reproductions have been made in green candy dishes but there are several differences between old and reproduced. According to Mauzy, old candy foots have rays which are missing in the reproductions*.



Old knobs have two flat sides and two rounded. Repro's have 4 flats sides*. This one shows two flat and two rounded.



Repro green is described as an odd shade of darker green, unlike the old which is a light lovely color****.

From those three hints, this one appears to be an old candy dish!

Lid detail.

Close ups of design detail:



Interesting facts I learned about Princess and Hocking Glass:

- Hocking made glass in quantities known as 'boxcar loads'. They'd make all one piece in one color and ship it in boxcars in an effort to increase profit. At Hocking, Princess was the third pattern to be designated a 'boxcar' pattern. **
- This pattern design is considered 'classic' with art deco overtones. **
- Princess is a 40 piece set.
- 1931, the year Princess production began, marks the beginning of the big production era of Depression glass. **
- Two of Hocking's employees, Wilbur Secoy and William Fisher designed and built a rotary 15 mold machine that could make 90 pieces of blown glassware a minute. This allowed the company to sell tumblers for "two for a nickel" which was half of what it had cost. ***

References:

* Mauzy's Depression Glass 6th edition

**<http://www.ndga.net/articles/krupeyarticle.htm>

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