

Jeannette Kitchenware
Jeannette Glass Co, Jeannette PA
Jenny Ware and Delphite

According to Hazel Marie Weatherman, Jeannette Glass Company was considered a glass-making pioneer in the 1920's with its introduction of automation and color to glass production. Jeannette began as a bottle plant in the early 1900's, but within the next twenty years it became "one of the most complete automatic factories in the country". It was one of the leaders in producing complete lines of tableware in colors. Among its well-known Adam-Windsor patterns are: Adam, Cubist, Doric, Doric and Pansy, Floral, Cherry Blossom, Swirl, Sierra, Homespun, Holiday, Iris, and Anniversary. Jeannette was among the first glass companies to make pink and green glass automatically in a continuous tank. In 1932 Jeannette introduced jadite and delphite followed in 1936. Jeannette glass ware is rarely marked; according to HMW a few pieces have the "J" in a triangle mark.....like the Cambridge triangle.

"Jenny Ware" production began in 1938 and was produced in crystal, pink and ultramarine. The colors are more popular than the crystal, with the ultramarine being the most plentiful. Pink and ultramarine command about the same price per item and more than double the equivalent piece in crystal. The ultramarine color tends to have color variations with the green tint undesired by most collectors. Pieces include and 3 piece mixing bowl set, two styles of butter dish (only the ultramarine has the flat bottom butter), 4 piece measuring set, a 36 oz. Pitcher, 8 oz. tumbler, a reamer, 3 sizes of round refrigerator dish (16 oz., 32 oz. and 70 oz.), 2 sizes of rectangular refrigerator boxes, salt and pepper, and a flat shaker.

Delphite was a color Jeannette used for a few pieces of Swirl, Cherry Blossom, and Cherry Blossom children's dishes and for a line of kitchen items. We became interested in delphite when we found a delphite cowboy hat in my grandmother's home in Texas. Delphite was made by both Jeannette and McKee with the Jeannette being a bit darker in color. Pieces include a horizontal ribbed canister set, horizontal ribbed shakers, 2 sizes of reamer, 4 pc. measuring cup set, drippings jar, a unique "matches" holder, 1-lb. butter dish, pitcher, square canister set, square shakers, and a beater bowl. Among the most difficult to find pieces are the butter dish and the large reamer.

McKee's chalaine blue is sometimes confused with delphite, but it is more like a robin's egg blue.