

# The Shapes of



(well, vases at least)

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In the 1930s Shelley produced a range of colourful effects on earthenware and china.

The earthenware include wall chargers, ginger jars, toast racks, candlesticks, jugs and many more.

The Harmony decoration started in 1932

Vases came in 75 shapes. They came in three phases:

- A. Between 920 and 946: Smooth - mainly decorated in drip Harmony. 4 sizes in each shape [Pages 2 and 3].
- B. Between 954 and 996A: Ribbed on a potter's wheel - mainly decorated in banded Harmony. 5 sizes in each shape [Pages 4 and 5].
- C. Between 1043 and 1058: Ribbed by moulding. 4 sizes in each shape [Page 6]

The sizes given here are from owners' measurements. They bear an interesting relation to the nominal sizes given in advertising literature: 10inch, 8inch, 6inch, 5inch, 4inch. Some measures reflect those sizes closely (e.g. conical 924 etc or waisted 925 etc), whereas shapes like the squat volcano are only 70% of the nominal size - this may reflect that some shapes have a bigger shrinkage when fired?

The scale is 1inch of paper = 10cms of vase, i.e.  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

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*See also Linda Ellis (2009) "Harmony Art Ware Vase Shapes of the 1930s" Shelley Group Newsletter, 13 - 16*



988 23cm

982 18cm

976 14cm

957 12cm

994 10cm



989 23cm

983 19.5cm

977 15.5cm

958 12cm

995 10cm



990 26cm

984 20cm

978 16cm

959 12cm

996 10cm



990A 26cm

984A 20cm

978A 15cm

959A 12cm

996A 10cm



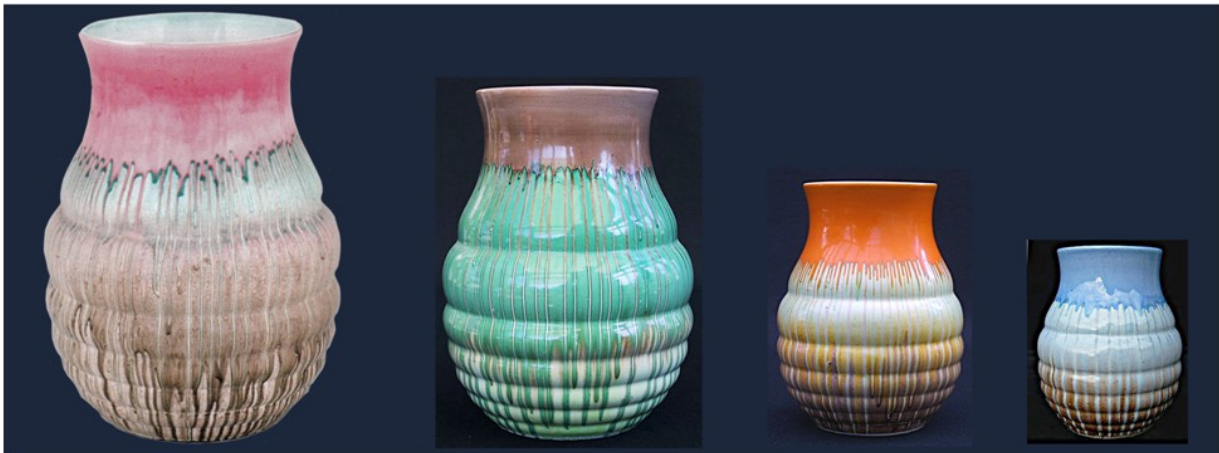


1055  
25cm

1051  
20cm

1047  
15.5cm

1043  
11.5cm



1056  
24cm

1052  
20cm

1048  
15cm

1044  
11cm



1057  
25cm

1053  
20cm

1049  
15cm

1045  
12.5cm



1058  
20cm

1054  
16cm

1050  
14cm

1046  
9cm



920  
24cm

926  
20cm

932  
16cm

941  
12.5cm



921  
23.5cm

927  
19cm

933  
14.5cm

942  
12cm



922  
24cm

928  
20.5cm

934  
16cm

943  
12cm





985  
25cm

979  
19cm

973  
15cm

954  
12cm

991  
10cm



986  
25cm

980  
20cm

974  
16.5cm

955  
12.5cm

992  
10cm



987  
25cm

981  
20cm

975  
16.5cm

956  
12.5cm

993  
10cm



923  
16cm

929  
12.5cm

935  
11cm

944  
8cm



924  
25cm

930  
20cm

936  
16cm

945  
12.5cm



925  
25cm

931  
20cm

937  
15cm

946  
12cm