

The Shapes of Harmony

(well, vases at least)

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

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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



923
16cm

929
12.5cm

935
11cm

944
8cm



924
25cm

930
20cm

936
16cm

945
12.5cm

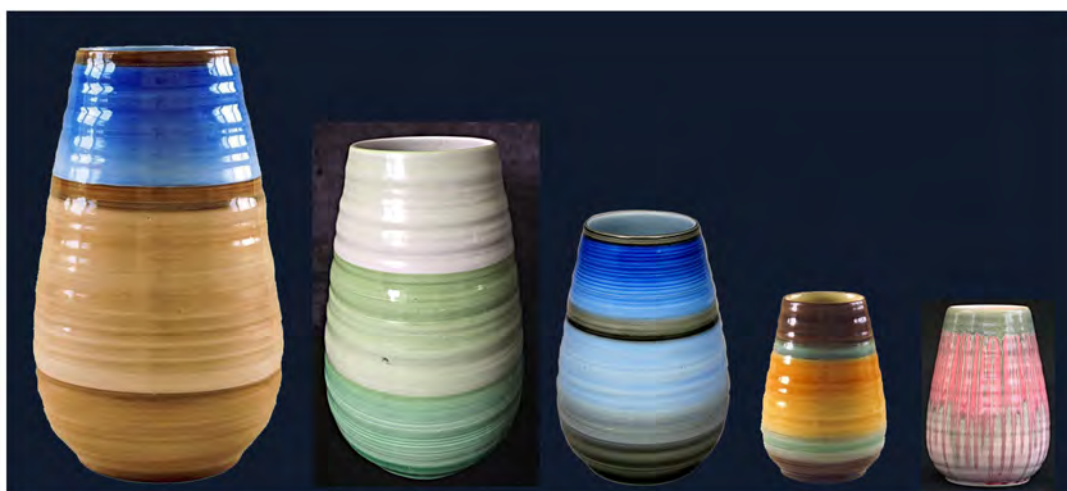


925
25cm

931
20cm

937
15cm

946
12cm



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



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