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Very Delicate Christmas Ornaments

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The vintage ornaments we are selling in our stores are mostly from the 1940's through the 1960's. Because we buy them in large quantities, often from estates, we are never completely sure what we are getting until we have time to look them over. They are usually in remarkably good condition, even the really ornate ones. Maybe because they look so fragile, people took extra good care of them. I am talking mainly about the ornaments that we lump into one big category we call "teapots." There are many different shapes and sizes, some are urn-like, but we group them all together since their style is so similar. We search for them in the off season, and then put them all out in one larger



Teapots - blue & teal



Teapots - red

offering. They have elaborate spouts and handles, made of the thinnest of glass strands. These ornaments are usually made by combining two techniques. The "pot" part of the ornament is made with a mold, and the handles and spouts are "free

blown" glass, each one individually created. That's why they vary so much, sometimes even on the same ornament.

Probably half of our current "teapot" ornaments have caps that are marked "West Germany" or "Germany." The others have no markings. I don't think I've ever seen this style of ornament marked from any country other than Germany. All of these ornaments have flat bottoms, so they could be displayed on a table. But they are so light that they would be at risk from kids, cats, etc., so that would be unwise, at least at my house.



Teapots – gold & dark green

There is some paint wear on most of these, as you would expect, but there is very little fading. Fortunately, the handles and spouts are all in



Teapots – pink & silver

perfect condition. We have at least two shades of each color----red, blue, green, gold, and silver. Nearly all are painted, usually with floral accents, but a few are undecorated.

I'm pretty sure there are

no two exactly alike. Once you start collecting them, you will always be on the lookout for another variation. That's the fun of collecting!

Please [email me](#) if you have any questions or comments. If you are interested in purchasing ornaments pictured in this blog, please contact Rosemary, who handles mail order sales, at 262.693.2040 x101 or info@milaegers.com.