

THE LEAF WALL POCKET

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The Leaf wall pocket was a 1949 introduction. The catalog number is "5W". The typical length is slightly less than the 7 inches x 5-1/2 inches as stated in the catalog.

Base production colors are yellow, pink and ivory with sprayed decoration of a second color; all under glaze.



Above, the pink base color with a blue spray color decoration.

Right, the back of the wall pocket showing the "McCoy" mark.



To the left are examples of the Ivory and the Yellow base glaze colors. The Ivory has a rose or burgundy color spray decoration the yellow a green spray color. Go to web site copy of article to see colors.

The amount of spray decoration on production Leaf wall pocket can really vary quite a bit. The majority are in roughly the same magnitude but below are examples of the extremes that are found from time to time. Note the wall pocket on the left is the Ivory base color but there is only a trace of the burgundy accent color. To the right, is an example with the burgundy spray covering at least 75-80% of the front surface.



The Leaf wall pocket is usually found without damage. Should some exist, it will likely be chips on the very outer edges, especially those that extend out the furthest.

The Flower with Bird wall pocket is another of the McCoy wall pockets that falls in a rather modestly-priced range. A production example in any color with no damage would have a value of \$15 – 30.

To the right we have a photo of a pair of Leaf wall pockets with a non-production decoration. The one to the right appears to have an off-white base glaze whereas the one to the left has more of a standard white base color. Both have a blue spray decoration but different tones of blue color. As noted previously, you can go to the web site and view this article in full color under the Articles tab. Whether these were both done at the same time, done period to the production Leaf wall pockets or a more recent decoration, we will likely never know.

Value: \$ 40-60



To the left is a photo of an off-white base color Leaf wall pocket with some different decoration. A little red glaze has been applied to the berry areas and a dark brown glaze by the lower stem shape. There have been three examples of this style decoration that have surfaced. One was quite a few years ago but another was in 2017. It sold for about \$100 at auction. Again, we will not likely be able to determine in what era these were originally decorated.

Value: \$ 40-60



An interesting point about the Leaf wall pocket, which is not very commonly known to collectors, is there were two molds. If you look at the first photo below, concentrate on the thickness of the wall pocket as though you were looking at it from the side. The front piece is notably thicker than the one in back. The other important difference is pointed out in the next photo with the pen

tip. Look at the extended section by the pen on each wall pocket. Note the thicker one has two points whereas the thinner has three!

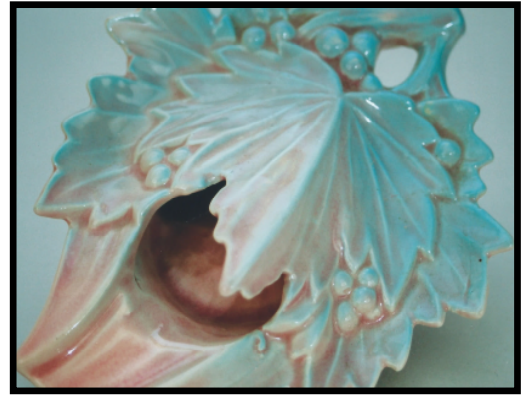
Now one might correctly conclude that they made the thinner one and then decided to make the thicker one as a production yield improvement. But the following makes that likely not the case. The two examples below resided on a wall together in the Cope Gallery. They each have an inventory sticker which you can see in the close-up photos. Many of the pieces that resided in the Cope Gallery had this same style sticker and number applied somewhere to a surface of the piece. Note also that the tone of the spray decoration is about as identical as you could possibly make them which all but proves they were made at the same time. Yet they are the opposite mold styles. In fact, they are the pieces shown in the upper photos. So, we may never get an answer to the “whys” here but as collectors, we know there were two slightly different style, neither being rarer than the other.



Value of these Cope Gallery examples:
\$80-100/each

When reviewing the topic of the Leaf wall pocket, it is important that we also talk about this piece. In the same production time period, McCoy made an Ashtray version of the wall pocket..... or maybe one should say they made a wall pocket version of the ashtray?

As you can see in photo right, there is no hole for hanging the piece. This ashtray was actually promoted as the "Windless Ashtray". We point this out here as sometimes this Ashtray is called the wall pocket when in fact, it is a different intended product.



It was also sold in the same three-color combinations.



To the left is a photo of an "Oops" Leaf wall pocket piece. If you look closely, you will see several "light" colored spots of sorts. This might have been a little dripping of some yellow glaze. Or it might have been some clear liquid that dropped on the piece and caused the glaze to move before going to the kiln. Either way, it is under glaze and will be staying that way!

Value: \$30-50

This yellow base color example is another "Oops" piece of sorts. In the larger photo is a standard Leaf yellow piece with the "Oops" yellow piece to the right. A couple of odd conditions on the piece: Looking at the left side and comparing it to the standard one; see also closeup photo. There has been a notable piece that broke off but the edge is smoothed over and is also glazed with the standard yellow glaze! One the right side of the piece, we have what might be an unplanned addition of a dark blue glaze. It also might be that the dark area is a result of it touching something while in the kiln and it burned the glaze material? Either way, an interesting piece that made it out of the plant....and it also has a small edge on the right chipped off that looks very old but not glazed over. Value: \$10-20





The Leaf wall pocket has also had a couple reproductions surface but not recently. As expected, the reproduction wall pocket is smaller than the original. It is about 6-1/4" long and 5-1/4" wide.

Left; the original production wall pocket pictured on the left with a reproduction on the right.



Right; The backs of the wall pockets. The reproduction, although not visible in the photo, has a faint presence of the McCoy mark. This would be expected as an original piece would have been the pattern for the mold.

Below; Three reproductions that have surfaced. They are so different that likely were not made by the same person. All of these surfaced many years ago so they are much different than the multiple solid glaze colored reproductions that are known for several McCoy wall pockets and that surfaced less than 20 years ago.

The first repro is an off-white base color with red accent on the berries; all under glaze.

The second on is a white base color with the entire front have a combination of a dark color with golf trim accent. This example is extremely light compared to the others.

The final repro is a true white base color with blue and red accent. The accent colors are more like the cold paint materials and could easily be removed.



Catalog page including the Leaf wall pocket as well as the Flower w/Bird and Clock wall pockets

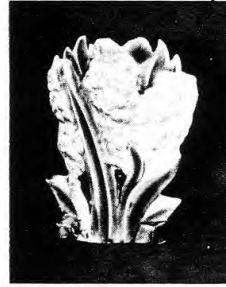
Vases & Decorative Items



No. 297—9" Vase
Green, Coral & Yellow
Packed 1 doz. Wt. 35 lbs.
\$11.00 per dozen



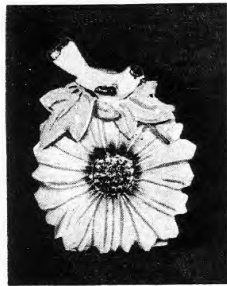
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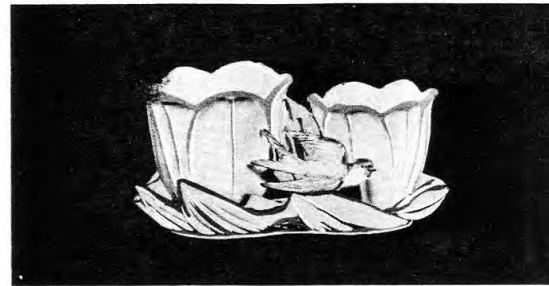
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Hyacinth Vase
Pink w/Green Leaves
Pale Blue w/Green Leaves
Packed 1 doz. Wt. 30 lbs.
\$16.00 per dozen



No. 77—8" Chrysanthemum
Vase
Pink or Yellow
Packed 1 Doz. Wt. 30 lbs.
\$18.00 per dozen



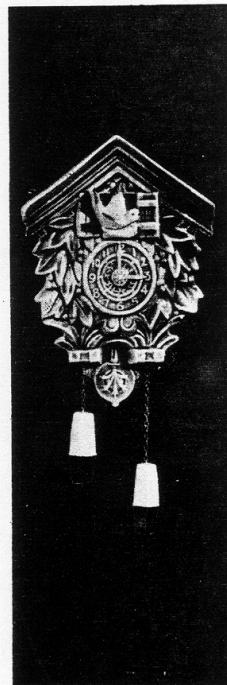
No. 710—6 1/2 x 5"
Wall Vase W/Bird
Pink, Blue, Yellow—Dec.
Packed 2 doz. Wt. 30 lbs.
\$13.20 per dozen



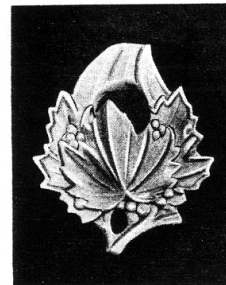
No. 711—10 1/2 x 5 1/2"
Double Cache Pot
Lt. Green or Yellow—Dec.
packed 1 doz. Wt. 35 lbs.
\$21.60 per dozen



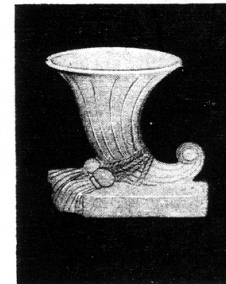
No. 724—8 x 6" Wall
Pocket Vase
Yellow, Green & Blue
Packed 2 doz. Wt. 30 lbs.
\$18.00 per dozen



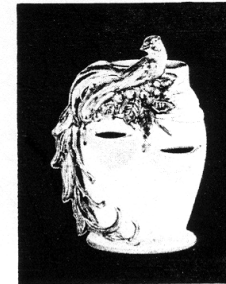
No. 718—Cuckoo Clock
Wall Pocket
Dec. Green, Gray or Brown
Packed 1 doz. Wt. 20 lbs.
\$28.80 per dozen



No. 5W—7 x 5 1/2"
Wall Pocket
Yellow, Pink and Ivory
w/Sprayed Decoration
Packed 3 doz. Wt. 22 lbs.
\$8.00 per dozen



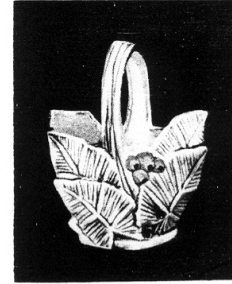
No. K-8—8" x 7 1/2"
Cornucopia Vase
Matt Wht., peach & Yel.
packed 1 doz. Wt. 35 lbs.
\$16.00 per dozen



No. 612—8" Strawberry Jar
w/Bird on Top
Ivory w/Brown Bld. or
Green w/Brown Bld.
Packed 1 Doz. Wt. 24 lbs.
\$16.00 per doz



No. 717—6 x 5 1/2"
Novelty Bird Bath w/Bird
Yellow, Green, Turquoise
w/Contrasting Bird
Packed 2 doz. Wt. 25 lbs.
\$16.00 per dozen



No. 509—9 x 7"
Basket Vase Sprayed Gr. & Br.
Packed 1 doz. Wt. 30 lbs.
\$16.00 per dozen