

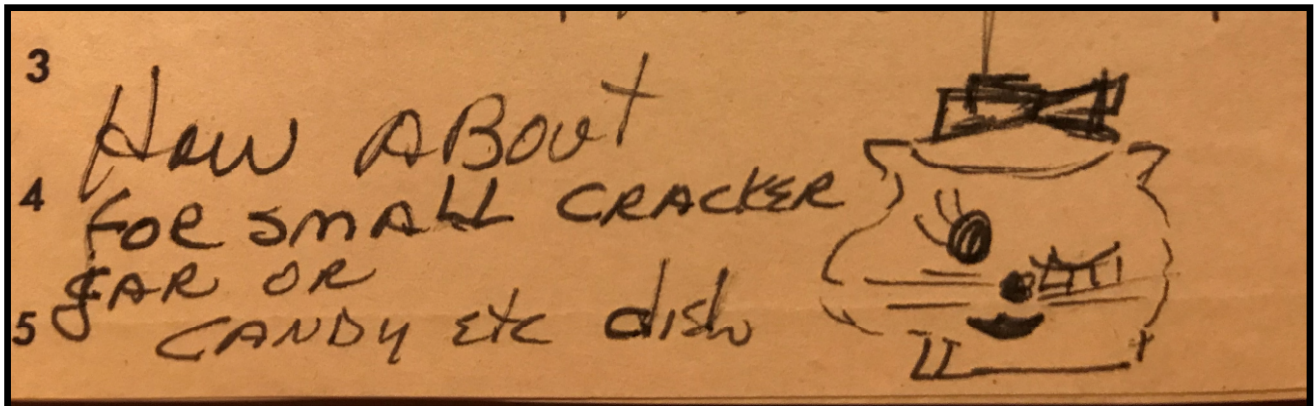
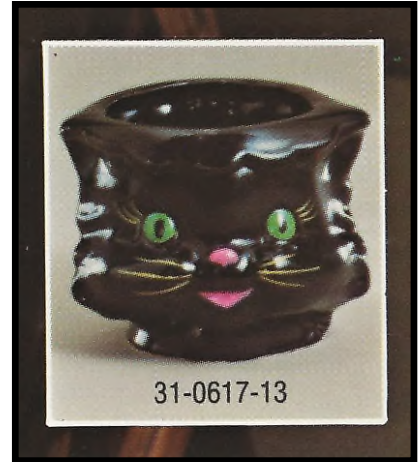
## CAT HEAD PLANTER

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A wonderful fun piece of McCoy Pottery is the Cat Head Planter from 1978. The image right is from the 1978 catalog showing the piece. It was offered with a base black glaze or a base grey glaze. This was the only year the piece was in the catalog.

But the jewel of this little article is below, an original sketch for the piece – wow indeed!

What was going on in Billie McCoy's design thoughts on August 2, 1978? One thing was the possibility of a small cracker or candy jar with a lid in the shape of a cat's head/face. Evidently the idea didn't go over as suggested. The Cat Planter was made as a fun production piece in late 1978.



To the left is a photo of a Cat Planter with the grey base color glaze. Notice the winking eye.

A reference for the Cat Head Planter can be found in HNH Vol. I, page 294. It presents a photo of a production Head Cat Planter piece but also shows a popular long necked Cat figure.