

DUTCH SHOE WALL POCKET

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The Dutch Shoe wall pocket was likely first made in 1947. It was not a catalog item for the Nelson McCoy Pottery Company. However, the Dutch Shoe planter first showed up in the 1947 listings and the wall pocket is the same piece as the planter only with the addition of a mounting hole. The wall pocket is about 7-1/2" long and 2-5/8" wide.

All pockets have the same base color glaze inside of their mounting hole, verifying it was factory made. Varying some between colors found to date, most of the colors of these wall pockets are not really difficult to obtain which would imply quite a few were made. Why that is true is not known but the fact that the shoe planter was sold in high volume may have been a factor.

The easiest colors to find are the same colors as the shoe planter colors; turquoise, speckled blue and yellow. The same white and black colors that have been found on the planter have also surfaced on the wall pocket. These may be a little tougher to find than the other three colors. Truly rare is a peach/coral glaze which has been found on the planter and the wall pocket and a light green, only found on the planter to date.

Above, the production wall pocket in the gloss yellow glaze.

Right, the back/bottom of the wall pocket showing the "McCoy" mark in exactly the same location as the planter.



Left are examples of the other colors, Left to Right, Speckled Blue, Turquoise, White and Black.

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The Dutch Shoe Wall Pocket is really a very robust piece. Of course any piece can get a chip or hairline crack but this piece is commonly found undamaged. If any exists, it maybe be related to the attached floral piece.

On a totally different category for the McCoy Collector, the photo to the right shows a standard Dutch Shoe Wall Pocket on the left and also on the right but the floral attached piece was not mounted in the correct alignment to the shoe body. For those that like “Oops” pieces this is a good one!



The production Dutch Shoe wall pockets carry a modest value in today's market. The three most commonly found colors would range, for a nondamaged piece, from \$15-25 each. The white and black might demand a little higher value in \$30-40 range. Should you find one of the peach or light green examples, \$75-90 would not be too much! Reference: photo on page 69 of the HNH McCoy Pottery Book will show you all the color examples mentioned on Dutch Shoe planters.

THE MAGNOLIA WALL POCKET

The beautiful Magnolia Vase was a production piece released for sale by McCoy Pottery in 1953. The size of the Vase is about 8-1/4" long and 7" wide. Over the years a very few (less than 10) examples of the Vase with a factory added mounting hole have surfaced. Very unusual. You can see an example of one of these “wall pockets” in the photo to the right. It is exactly the same Vase but just with that hole addition.

Value because of rarity is probably in the \$150-200 range.

