

All About Glass

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HAND-BLOWN GLASS

To create hand blown glass, the glassmaker would dip a long tube into hot liquid glass and then blow into the tube (almost like a bubble) to form the object's shape. Beginning in 1608, this type of glass making was the first industry in the Colonies, .

MECHANICALLY PRESSED GLASS

To make mechanically pressed glass, the glassmaker drops a blob of hot, liquid glass into a metal mold and presses the mold together, giving the pieces their pattern and shape. This type of glass, invented in the U.S. in the 1820s, was mass produced from 1850–1910.



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