

# Ring Handled Basket

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We all know about this Northwood pattern. But did you know it was made in Purple Slag? For over 20 years I knew this and had made a conscious effort to find one, but with no success. In 1903 Northwood came out with a new line called **Mosaic**. Today we know this a Purple Slag. The early ad shows the **Ring Handled Basket**, which means they did make it.

**Our "MOSAIC" 10-cent Assortment.**  
**One of Our Newest and Best Offerings in 10c Bargains of Unequaled Beauty.**

**CBS5**—This entirely new and beautiful ware is one of the most artistic ever produced, being made in a combination of light and dark blended colors, giving a beautiful marbled effect. It is beautiful beyond description and will sell on sight. While they would readily retail at 25c each, you can advertise yourself by offering the entire assortment, your choice for 10c.

**Assortment Comprises 1-2 Doz. Each of the Following:**  
 8 1/2-Inch Extra Large Footed Fancy Shape Tray—Elaborate crimped edge.  
 Extra Large Round Deep Open Sugar Bowl—Standing on three feet.  
 6 1/4-Inch High Footed Tray or Jolly Dish—Useful for many purposes.  
 Extra Large Tall Flower Vase with Wide Base—Height 7 inches.  
 6-Inch Fancy Rustic Footed Bonbon Dish—Turned up sides.  
 Extra Large Footed Rose Bowl—Height 4 1/2-in., circumference 12-in.  
 Large Fancy Footed Cream Pitcher—Large handle and wide top.  
 Large Spoonholder—Matches the cream pitcher.  
 Tall Rustic Flower Vase—Fancy 3 corner foot. Height 6 1/2-in.  
 5-Inch High Footed Jelly Dish or Card Receptacle—Artistic and useful.  
 7 1/2-Inch Deep Footed Fancy Dish—Fancy and crimped edge.  
 8 1/2-Inch Extra Large Fancy Shape Basket—Large open handles.

(Total 6 doz. in barrel. Barrel 35c.)      Per dozen. 79c

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But when I hadn't ever seen one in 20 years, I began to think they never actually made it except for maybe an example or two for salesman to use, or to show at exhibitions. Then I purchased an early pattern glass book by Ruth Webb Lee copyrighted 1944. Pictured in with a grouping of English Purple Slag, she showed the **Ring Handled Basket**. This was concrete evidence that Northwood did actually did make it. I was excited, but still couldn't find one.



Then while searching ebay a couple years ago, the first one surfaced, and I was able to purchase it. I was so thrilled you can't imagine. Yes you can! LOL

Everything happens to me in two's. Two weeks later the second one showed up on ebay. I purchased that one as well. That was two years ago, and I have never seen another one. Enjoy!

