

Mocha Ware. Late 18th to early 20th Centuries

This style was developed in Staffordshire in the 1780's.

It is one of a range of industrial slip wares which incorporated banded decoration. The characteristic style was produced by colouring boiling tobacco. This was put onto a wet slipped pot, it then diffused and produced the patterns.

The fabric is yellow.



Above - Mocha decorated yellow ware made in the Swadlincote area and a detail of the characteristic pattern.

Left - Part of a teapot found at Sharpe's Pottery, Swadlincote, in the year 2000.

Below - Sherds. The left hand sherd was found near Leicester.



Mocha Ware was popular until about 1930.

These items (except the left hand sherd) are displayed in Sharpe's Pottery Museum, Swadlincote, Derbyshire.

Sharpe's Pottery operated from 1821-1967.



Some public house tankards were made in Mocha Ware. From 1824 these carried an excise mark.

References: - <http://www.physics.utoronto.ca/~smorris/edl/mochaware/mochaware.html> (accessed 18 February 2011)

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