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# PREFACE

We are delighted to offer this single-owner collection of Ravillious ceramics which have been accumulated over a considerable period. These desirable objects are highly satisfying and affordable pieces of art and design created by one of the most original British artists of the 1930s.

Ravillious's brilliance as a designer sings out in every detail of these pieces. Each vignette is a miniature masterpiece - stylish, witty, charming and offering glimpses of life at the end of the 1930s.

The Travel series features emblems of modernity - ocean liners, aeroplanes and steam trains. The Garden series is devoted less to the tasks but more to the pleasures of the English garden - gathering apples, reading in a deckchair, diving into a swimming pool on a hot day.

Ravillious provided all the vignettes and decorative borders to Wedgwood and the system of production was intricate and time consuming. The vignettes were printed as etchings and then fired onto the ceramic base. The resulting black and white designs on the fired ceramic were then painted with colour and refired. Some were subsequently painted again on top of the glaze after this firing.

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I.

**Elizabeth II Coronation Mug 1953**

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, pink lustre and lemon yellow decoration

10.5 x 11.4 cm





2.

**Travel Platter - Liner 1938**

Windsor

Grey fine earthenware, underglaze printed in black, enamelled in turquoise

36.5 x 29.2 cm







3.

**Travel Platter - Steam Train 1938**

Windsor

Grey fine earthenware, underglaze printed in black, enamelled in turquoise

32.2 x 25.5 cm



4.

**Travel Plate - Steam Train 1938**

Windsor

Grey fine earthenware, underglaze printed in black, enamelled in turquoise

22.9 cm diam





5.

**Travel Plate - Yacht** 1938

Windsor

Grey fine earthenware, underglaze printed in black, enamelled in turquoise

25.2 cm diam







6.

**Travel Tea Plate - Motor Bus 1938**

Windsor

Grey fine earthenware, underglaze printed in black, enamelled in turquoise

15.5 cm diam



7.

**Travel Soup Bowl - Biplane 1938**

Windsor

Grey fine earthenware, underglaze printed in black, enamelled in turquoise

21.6 cm diam





8.

**Travel Tea Plate - Winter Pond 1938**

Windsor

Grey fine earthenware, underglaze printed in black, enamelled in turquoise

17.3 cm diam









9.

**Garden Implements - Lemonade Jug and Beakers 1939**

Queen's Ware

Jug printed sepia, painted line black 20.3 cm high;

Beaker printed sepia, painted yellow and lined black, stamped 'SAMPLE' 10.8 cm high;

Beaker printed sepia, painted purple and pink lustre and lined black 10.8 cm high





10.

**Garden Milk Jug - Picking Apples 1938**

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, enamelled yellow

12.1 cm high







II.

**Garden Gravy Boat and Saucer 1938**

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, enamelled yellow

Saucer 21 × 15.5 cm

Gravy Boat 10 × 13 × 9 cm





12.

**Garden Meat Plate - Diving Board 1938**

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, enamelled yellow

32.5 x 26 cm





13.

**Garden Soup Bowl - Reading 1938**

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, enamelled yellow

23.4 cm diam





14.

**Garden Soup Bowl - Reading 1938**

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, enamelled yellow

15.7 cm diam









15.

**Garden Tureen** 1938

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, enamelled yellow

25 x 20.5 x 13.5 cm





16.

**Travel Set** 1938

Queen's Ware

Printed sepia, enamelled yellow

Comprising one large platter; one medium platter; one tureen; six dinner plates; six medium plates; six side plates; six soup bowls and saucers











17.

**Four Continents Mug** conceived 1939 / produced 2002

Printed black, enamelled pink

14 x 10.4 cm





18.

**Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Mug 2002**

10 × 9 cm





19.

### Garden Implements Mug

12 x 9.5 cm



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