



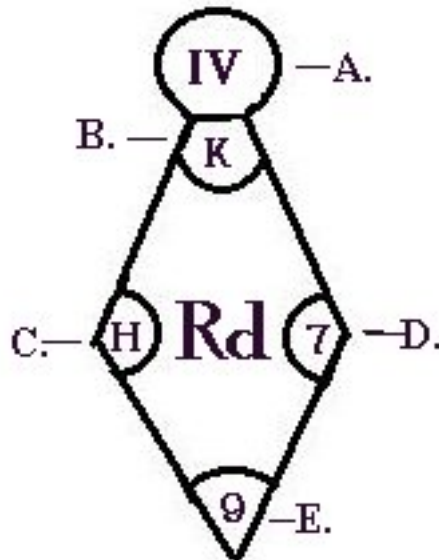
Dating English Registry Marks

Starting in 1842 England has offered registration of its decorative designs for pottery, china, wood, paper, pottery, china, porcelain, glass and more. By using the information below you can find the date a design was registered. Not every piece registered was marked. Remember this date is just when the design was registered. An item with a registry mark or number could have been produced before (less likely as the design would not be protected), or after the date of the registry mark.

English Registry Marks:

The following two diamond shaped marks were used from 1842-1883:

Mark I: Used from 1842-1867



Each letter on the diagram represents one of the tables below:

A. - Materials		B. - Year				C. -Month	
I	Metal	A	1845	O	1862	A	December
II	Wood	B	1858	P	1851	B	October
III	Glass	C	1844	Q	1866	C	January
IV	Ceramics	D	1852	R	1861	D	September
V	Paper Hangings	E	1855	S	1849	E	May
VI	Carpets	F	1847	T	1867	G	February
VII	Printed Shawls	G	1853	U	1848	H	April
VIII	Other Shawls	H	1843	VEE	1850	I	July
IX	Yarn	I	1846	W	1865	K	November
X	Printed Fabrics	J	1854	X	1842	M	June
XI	Furniture	K	1857	Y	1853	R	August
XII i	Other Fabrics	L	1856	Z	1860	W	March
XII ii	Damasks	M	1859				
XIII	Lace	N	1864				

D.-Day of the Month

E.-Bundle Number

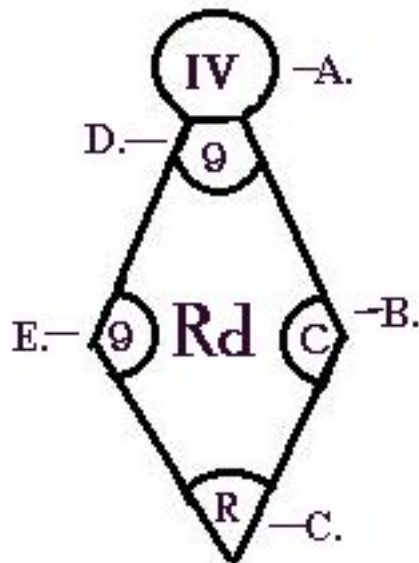
Exceptions:

In 1857 the letter **R** was used during 1-19 of September, during 1860 the letter **K** was used for December.

To give an example using the mark above the chart, you get the following information: Material-Ceramics, Design registered-April 7, 1857.

The Bundle number is unimportant to most collectors.

Mark II: Used from 1868-1883



Each letter on the diagram represents one of the tables below:

A. - Materials	
I	Metal
II	Wood
III	Glass
IV	Ceramics
V	Paper Hangings
VI	Carpets
VII	Printed Shawls
VIII	Other Shawls
IX	Yarn
X	Printed Fabrics
XI	Furniture
XII i	Other Fabrics
XII ii	Damasks
XIII	Lace

B. - Year			
A	1871	X	1868
C	1870	Y	1879
D	1878		
E	1881		
F	1873		
H	1869		
I	1872		
J	1880		
K	1883		
L	1882		
P	1877		
S	1875		
U	1874		
V	1876		

C. -Month	
A	December
B	October
C	January
D	September
E	May
G	February
H	April
I	July
K	November
M	June
R	August
W	March

D.-Day of the Month

E.-Bundle Number

Exceptions:

1st-6th of March 1878, **W** was used for the year instead of **D**, and G was used for the month in place of **W**.

To give an example using the mark above the chart, you get the following information: Material-Ceramics, Design registered-August 9, 1870.

The Bundle number is unimportant to most collectors.

English Registry Numbers:

After 1883 a Numerical mark was used in the following form:

Rd 742833 or Rd No. 742833

Year	Number	Year	Number	Year	Number
1884	1	1922	687144	1960	895000
1885	19754	1923	694999	1961	899914
1886	40480	1924	702671	1962	904638
1887	64520	1925	710165	1963	909364
1888	90483	1926	718057	1964	914536
1889	116648	1927	726330	1965	919607
1890	141273	1928	734370	1966	924510
1891	163767	1929	742725	1967	929335
1892	185713	1930	751160	1968	934515
1893	205240	1931	760583	1969	939875
1894	224720	1932	769670	1970	944932
1895	246975	1933	779292	1971	950046

1896	268392	1934	789019	1972	955342
1897	291241	1935	799097	1973	960708
1898	311658	1936	808794	1974	965185
1899	331707	1937	817293	1975	969249
1900	351202	1938	825231	1976	973838
1901	368154	1939	832610	1977	978426
1902	385180	1940	837520	1978	982815
1903	403200	1941	838500	1979	987910
1904	424400	1942	839230	1980	993012
1905	447800	1943	839980	1981	998302
1906	471860	1944	841040	1982	1004456
1907	493900	1945	842670	1983	1010583
1908	518640	1946	845550	1984	1017131
1909	535170	1947	849730	1985	1024174
1910	552000	1948	853260	1986	1031358
1911	574817	1949	856999	1987	1039055
1912	594195	1950	860854	1988	1047478
1913	612431	1951	863970	1989	1056076
1914	630190	1952	866280	July 1989	1061406 (last No.)
1915	644935	1953	869300	Aug 1989	2000000
1916	653521	1954	872531	1990	2003720
1917	658988	1955	876067	1991	2012047
1918	662872	1956	879282	1992	2019933
1919	666128	1957	882949	1993	2028110
1920	673750	1958	887079	1994	2036116
1921	680147	1959	891665	1995	2044229

The number listed for each year in the table is the first number issued that year. . If your number is higher, but less than the number for the next year, then your item had it's design registered during that year.

In July 1990 the numbering sequence changed as indicated on the chart. The last number issued in July 1990 was 1061406 and began again In August starting with number 2000000.

To give an example using the number above the chart, **Rd 742833** means: Design of your item was registered during 1929.

The Public Record office and the British Government tend to enforce these marks and registration numbers. Companies located outside the UK who have reproduced items, and tried to use a facsimile of the marks or numbering system have been sued, and have had sanctions imposed against them. This tends to protect the use of these marks, and in general restricts them to use on pieces made in the UK. This protects both collectors and the companies who registered the marks.

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For more information you can write either of the following addresses, depending on the year your mark was registered:

Registered after and in 1909:

Designs Registry
Patent Office
Chancery Lane
London WC2A
1 LR England

Registered before 1909:

Public Record Office
Ruskin Avenue
Kew, Richmond
Surrey,England

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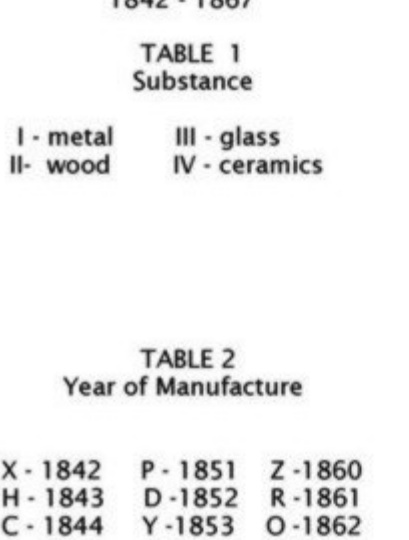
English design registration system

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To help protect manufacturers' pottery designs, the English developed a registration system that was enacted around 1842.

They used a diamond with the corners sectioned (below left), each showing a number or letter that you can match to the tables below the diamonds.

Mark "A"



1842 - 1867


TABLE 1
Substance

I - metal	III - glass
II - wood	IV - ceramics

TABLE 2
Year of Manufacture

X - 1842	P - 1851	Z - 1860
H - 1843	D - 1852	R - 1861
C - 1844	Y - 1853	O - 1862
A - 1845	J - 1854	G - 1863
I - 1846	E - 1855	N - 1864
F - 1847	L - 1856	W - 1865
U - 1848	K - 1857	Q - 1866
S - 1849	B - 1858	T - 1867
V - 1850	M - 1859	

Mark "B"



1868 - 1883

TABLE 3
Month of Manufacture

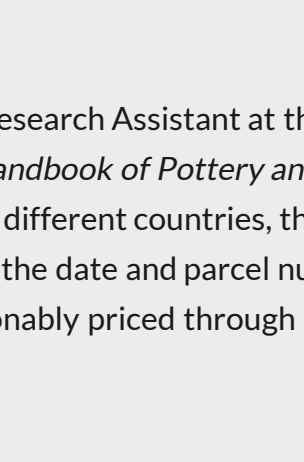
C - January	I - July
G - February	R - August
W - March	D - September
H - April	B - October
E - May	K - November
M - June	A - December

TABLE 4
Year of Manufacture

X - 1868	P - 1877
H - 1869	D - 1878
C - 1870	Y - 1879
A - 1871	J - 1880
I - 1872	E - 1881
F - 1873	L - 1882
U - 1874	K - 1883
S - 1875	
V - 1876	

When the system was modified in 1868 (upper right), the tables remained the same, but the location of the information in the diamond changed.

Using the chart above, we can date the diamond stamped on the bottom of a piece of pottery to June 22, 1880.



In 1883 they changed to a simple numbering system, much like our design patent numbers, which continued to be used until 1991. You may find this diamond on other materials like metal, glass or wood, but it is most frequently found on ceramics since there was a great variety of patterns introduced by manufactures seeking to protect their designs.

More information

A Manual of Marks on Pottery and Porcelain, a Dictionary of Easy Reference was first published in 1898 by *W. H. Hooper AND W. C. Phillips*. Since the copyright is expired, we have provided a pdf to use as a reference. The file will download when you select this link: [A Manual of Marks](#)

J. P. Cushion who was the Senior Research Assistant at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, published a book called *Handbook of Pottery and Porcelain Marks*. In addition to pottery and porcelain marks for 20 different countries, there is an appendix which shows the registered design owners based on the date and parcel number. The book was last published in 1996. Used copies are very reasonably priced through on-line book sellers.

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