



The vase from the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company is a great example of a vase from the late 19th century. The Boston and Sandwich Glass Company, one of the best-known glass houses from the heyday of American glass making, was founded in Sandwich MA and employed the foremost craftsman of the time and was one of the first factories to produce pressed glass, which is a form of glass made using a plunger to press molten glass into a mold.

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Boston and Sandwich Glass Company, *Vase*, circa 1850,
pressed cobalt glass, 10 in. x 4 3/8 in.

Activity: Reflective Glass Drawing

Materials:

- Paper
- Drawing materials such as crayons, pencils, markers etc.
- Glass object(s) (you can add water and/or flowers if you want)

Directions:

- Fill a glass, vase, or other glass object with water and place it in a sunny spot (your backyard or a sunny windowsill will work).
- Put your paper on the opposite side of the glass from the sunshine and see what shadows, shapes, and colors appear.
- Use any coloring materials you'd like, such as crayon, marker or pencil, to draw the shapes and colors on your paper.

Tips:

- Experiment with different shapes, sizes and colors of glass and observe the differences and similarities.

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