

Preserving Glass and Ceramics



Caring for Glass and Ceramics

- Primary cause of damage to both glass and ceramic objects is mishandling
- Always use two hands when lifting or moving objects, being careful to lift them from their strongest points – not by their handles or spouts
- Stacked items should be cushioned using felt, soft cloth, or polyester padding to avoid abrasion of decorative surface elements

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- Store and display glass and ceramics in an area with little environmental fluctuations
- Ceramics – discolouration and staining can occur from improper use or cleaning
- Repairs to antique items should be done by a professional conservator – harmful glues or mishandling can cause more damage

Displaying and Cleaning Glass and Ceramics

- Display objects with stands constructed of plastic or wood that allow the object to rest at a tilted angle – spring-type metal hangers place too much stress on the object
- Use only dilute cleaning solutions for ceramics and diluted ammonia for glass, applied with soft cloths during cleaning
- Antiques should never be soaked in any liquid or be placed in a dishwasher