

PICKING U GLASS

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Uranium has been used to color glass since at least 79 AD when the Romans incorporated some uranium oxide into some mosaic tiles. Ever since, glass makers have used uranium to add a captivating glow to their work.

Several years ago, inspired by Tim Koeth's collection my wife and I decided to build a collection of our own.

Antiques stores and online markets like eBay are common places to find uranium glass. Prices of individual pieces are usually reasonable and the variety is fairly great. We recommend antiques stores so you can examine items before buying because not all green glass contains uranium.

Tools:

- 1. Sensitive Geiger – People will ask what you are up to, but it's worth the trouble. We have bought that fluoresced that we were sure was uranium only to find it devoid of anything radioactive when we got it home.**
- 2. UV flashlight – We recommend the new high power LED focusing 365 nm units that can be had for cheap from China. They can penetrate deep into locked dealers cases to find U-glass that your Geiger can't detect.**













































