

DRAGONS

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Around 1910 everyone was hearing about the mysterious Orient - China and Japan. Ships were bringing back dinner sets with Lotus patterns and furniture made with strange carvings with dragons and other strange beasts. People started to decorate their homes in an Oriental style, and the makers of Carnival Glass wanted to be included.

The picture shows a blue bowl made by the Fenton Glass Company with a Dragon and Lotus pattern. You can see the alternating pictures of dragons and lotus flowers running around the outside of the bowl with strange flower-like pictures in the middle. This bowl was very popular and was made in many colors. Some people have a whole collection of these bowls in different colors.

Fenton later made another bowl called Dragon and Strawberry but it wasn't as popular, perhaps because strawberries don't have anything to do with China!

