

Indiana's Soda Fountain Line

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Indiana’s Pattern Number 304 was one of the many lines created for the soda fountains of the 1930’s. Hazel Marie Weatherman gave it the name “Soda Fountain” in her book *Colored Glassware of the Depression Era, Vol. 2*. What makes the pattern so interesting are the large hobs that cover the pieces. They are in sharp contrast to the other hobnail-type patterns with their smaller hobs created by various other glass companies. Some of the footed pieces also have a wafer in their stem that has hobs around the outer edge. From a 1930’s catalog, we have a listing of the various pieces that are available in the pattern. Liquid measurements are from the catalog. Height measurements are from the pieces on hand.

- 6 oz. footed tumbler—4.75”
- 8 oz. footed tumbler—5”
- 10 oz. footed tumbler

- 12 oz. footed tumbler—7.75”
- 15 oz. footed tumbler
- 6 oz. flat tumbler—4”
- 8.5 oz. flat tumbler—4.25”
- 9 oz. goblet—6”
- parfait
- salt & pepper
- tall footed sundae—4.25”
- low footed sundae—3.25”
- glace/tulip sundae—6”
- footed banana split
- 4 oz. oil/cruet
- berry creamer
- berry sugar
- 5” relish bowl
- finger bowl
- 6” plate
- 8 3/8” plate

Indiana Glass also marketed the finger bowl and the 6” plate as a set. The pattern was made in 3 different colors; green, pink and crystal. Green seems to be the color most commonly seen. It is unknown if all pieces were made in all 3 colors. The bowls and plates are the pieces that seem

to be the hardest to find. The sundaes are the pieces that are seen the most often. The most likely place to find this pattern seems to be on various web-sites such as eBay where it is offered for sale by Midwesterners. You might run across some “whimsy” pieces such as a bud vase that was created from a footed tumbler. An example of the vase is on display at The Glass Museum, which is part of the Dunkirk Public Library in Dunkirk, IN.

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