

Putting It Together

How Heisey mixed parts to create new lines of blown stemware

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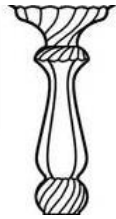
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The basic technique—Heisey does the Hokey Pokey



1. Glass is gathered for the bowl. If the bowl has an optic, usually the gather is first blown into an optic mould. Then it is removed and inserted into the bowl mould and blown again. When the bowl is removed from the mould it still has a chimney-like cap, the bustoff.

2. Meanwhile, the stem is pressed in a separate mould.

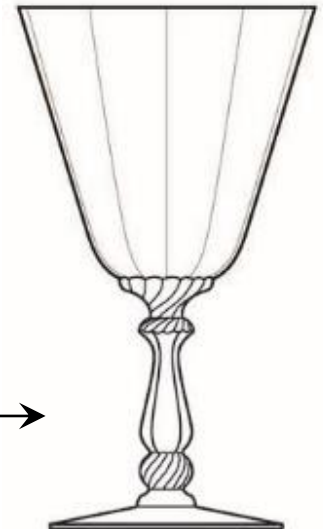


3. The bowl and the stem are stuck together.

4. A small gather of glass, shaped into a ball, is stuck to the bottom. The foot is formed (cast) by hand using special tools.

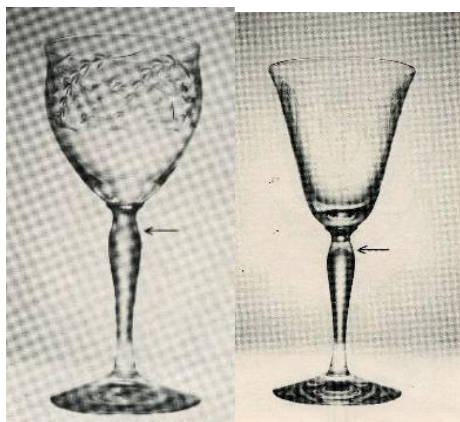


5. Once the entire piece has cooled, the bustoff is cut off, the edge is ground and finished, and the entire piece is fire-polished.



This three-piece assembly technique is called the **hokey-pokey** method. This allowed Heisey to choose different combinations of bowls and stems to create different pattern lines. They did this throughout the entire time they made stems with blown bowls and pressed stems, from about 1917 to 1957. Illustrated here are many examples. A few are omitted, but you get the idea.

Shared Stems



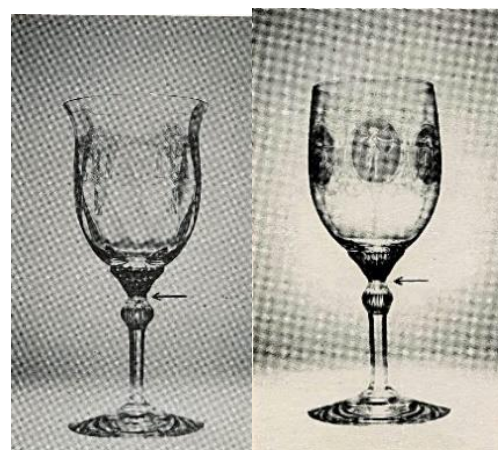
3330 Hanover and
3336 Lady Leg



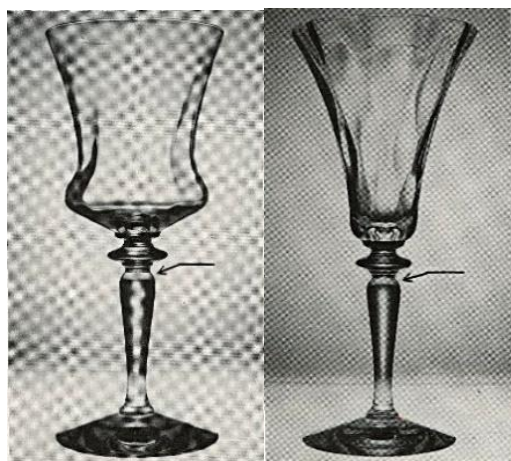
3335 Lady Leg, 3345 Mary 'n' Virg,
3322 Gamin



3360 Penn Charter, 3408 Jamestown, and
3409 Plymouth



3355 Fairacre and
3357 King Arthur



3365 Ramshorn and
3366 Trojan

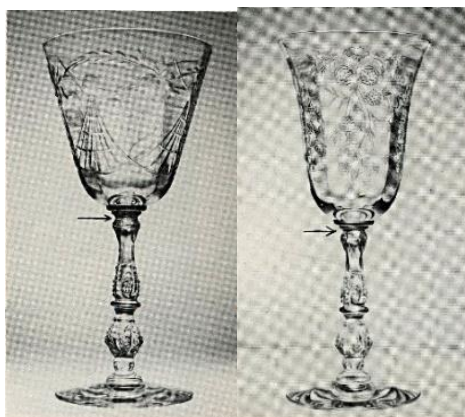


3361 Charlotte (short stem),
3368 Albemarle (tall stem), and
3380 Old Dominion (short and tall stem)

Shared Stems



3411 Monte Cristo and
3414 Marriette



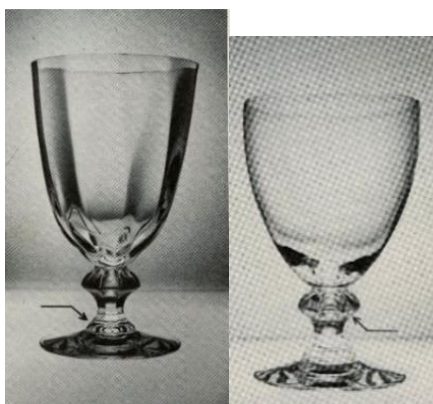
3416 Barbara Fritchie and
4092 Kenilworth



3418 Savoy Plaza and
3424 Admiralty



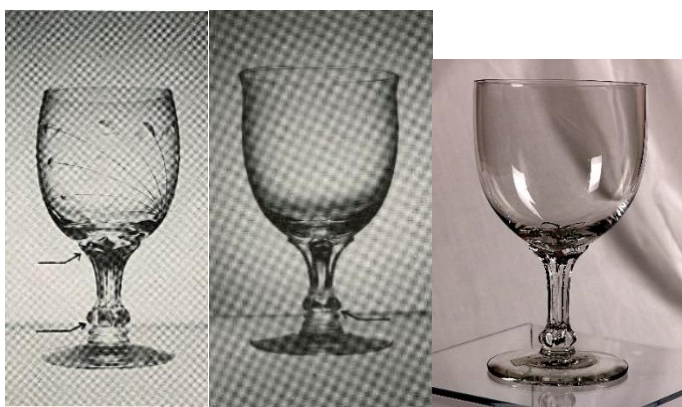
4085 Kohinoor and
4091 Kimberly



5003 Crystolite and
5077 Legionnaire



5022 Graceful and
5025 Tyrolean



5092 Empress Lily (short and tall stems),
6009 Troubadour (short), and
8136 Queen Lily (tall)
(6009 was formerly 8029 Princess Lily)

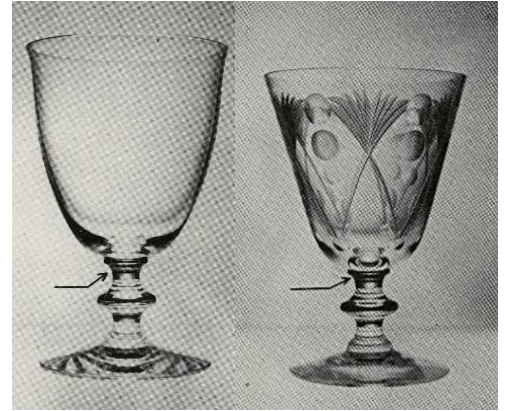


4090 Coventry, 8031 Dover, 5099 Liverpool
(4090 stem altered in later two)

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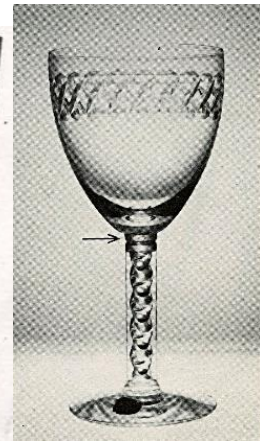
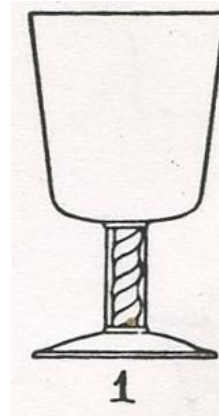
5011 Yorktown and
5024 Oxford
(tall stems)



5086 Plantation Ivy, 5089 Princess, and
5098 Louisa
(short stems)



5078 Park Avenue (tall stem) and
5082 Mid-Century (short stem)



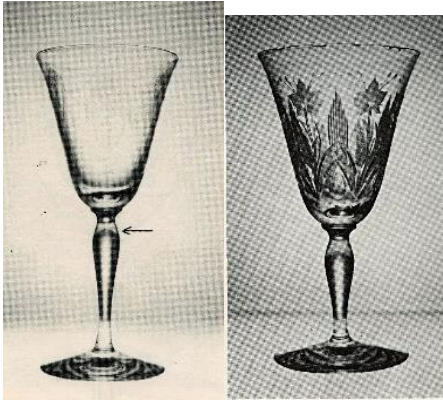
5079 Pan American (short stem) and
5083 El Rancho (and tall stem)

This is not all the shared stems. Others include, for example, 4004 Impromptu and 6060 Country Club (same as 4004 Jacobean). 5057 Suez and 6004 Classic are tall-stem and short-stem versions of the same design. Etc.



8026 Knob 'n' Navel, 8124 Knobbed Coventry, and 8049 Jay

Shared Bowls



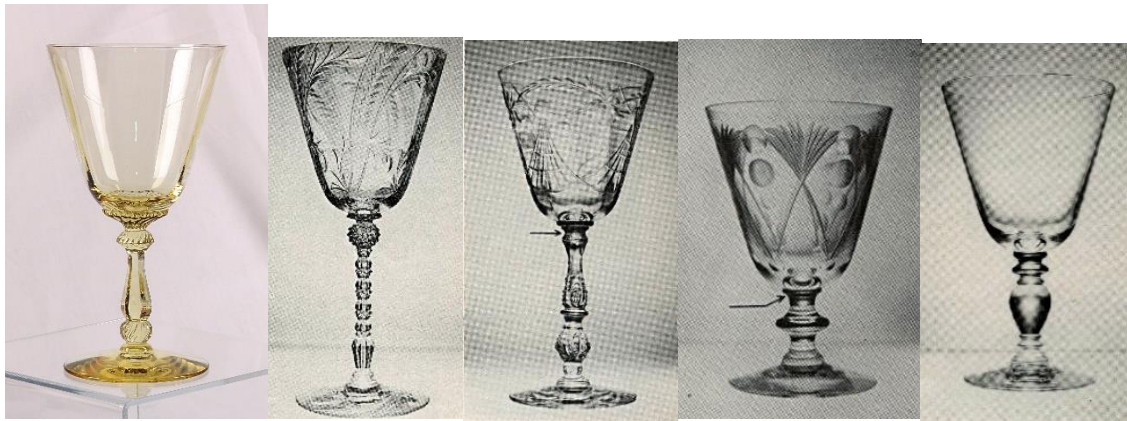
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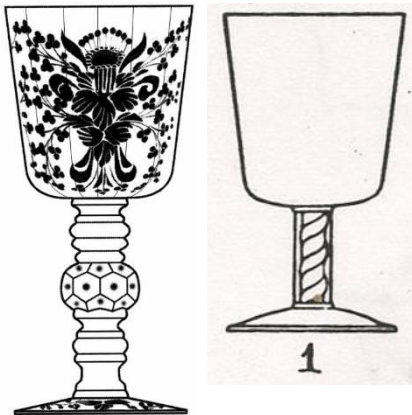
3340 Tri-Knob and
3345 Mary 'n' Virg



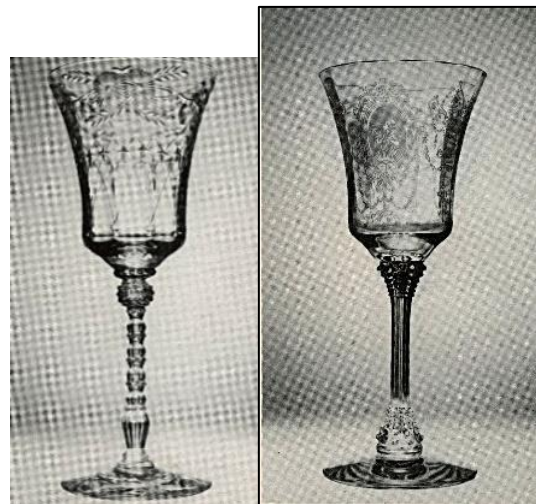
3366 Trojan and
3368 Albemarle



3409 Plymouth, 3414 Mariette, 3416 Barbara Fritchie, 5098 Louisa, 8031 Dover



3404 Spanish and
5079 Pan American

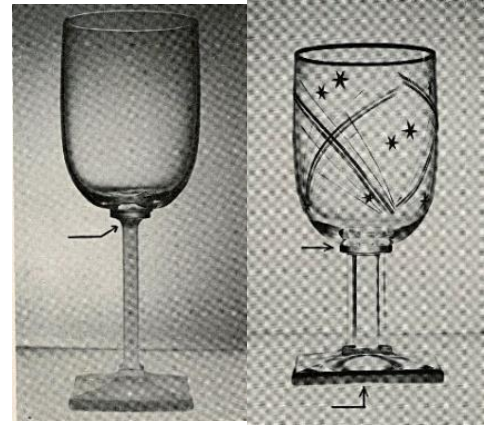


3411 Monte Cristo and
5010 Symphone

Shared Bowls



3327 Clara, 3331 Statuesque, 3455 Macbeth, 4055 Park Lane



3418 Savoy Plaza and
4044 New Era



3422 Loren, 4091 Kimberly, and 4092 Kenilworth



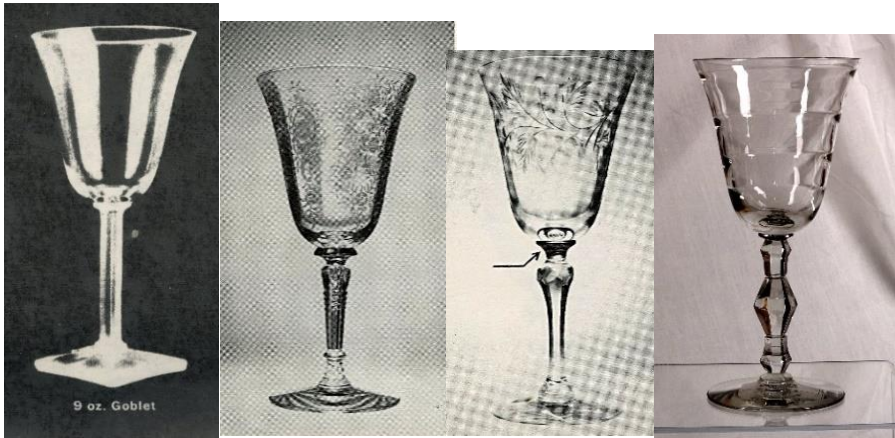
4083 Stanhope, 5077 Legionnaire, and
5083 El Rancho



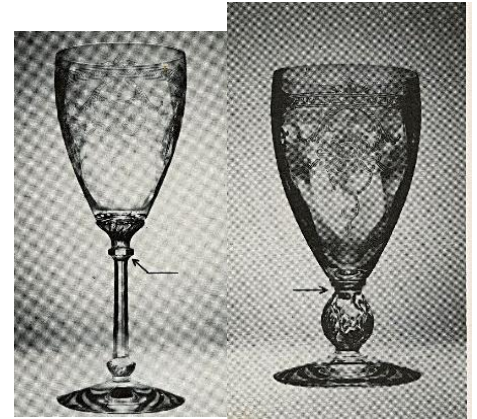
4004 Jacobean, 4004 Impromptu, 6060 Country Club,
6003 Tempo

The Stanhope group
(above) possibly shares
the same bowl with the
Jacobean group (below).

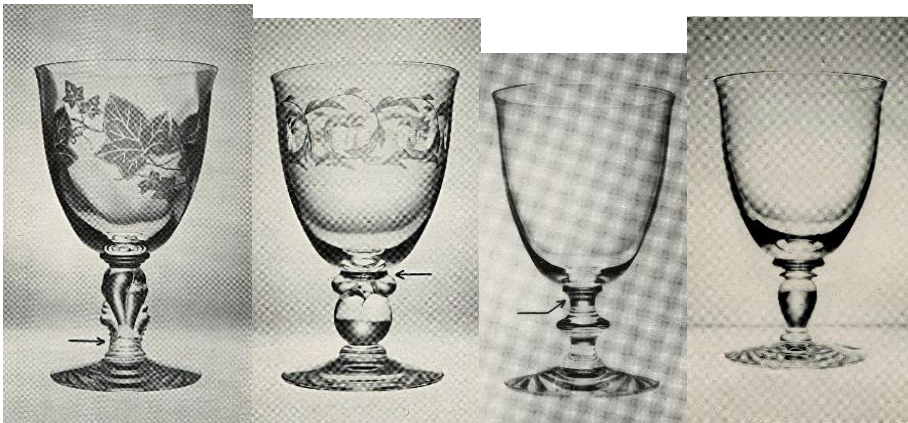
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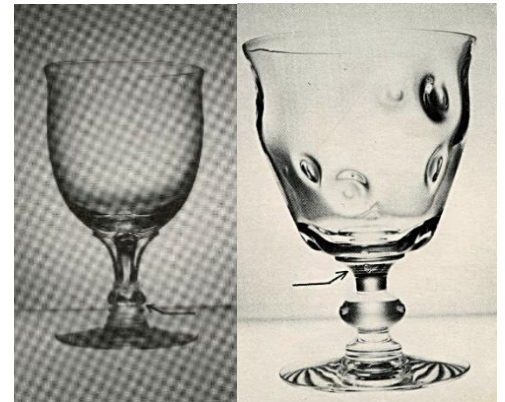
3424 Admiralty, 5009 Queen Ann, 5057 Suez, 8122 Polly



3380 Old Dominion and
3386 Diamond Rose



5019 Waverly, 5040 Lariat, 5089 Princess, 5099 Liverpool



6009 Troubadour and 8026
Knob 'n' Navel. These are not
the same bowl as 5089 Princess.



4085 Kohinoor, 5041 Athena, 5080 California



5078 Park Avenue and
5082 Mid-Century

Shared Bowls



4090 Coventry and
8124 Knobbed Coventry



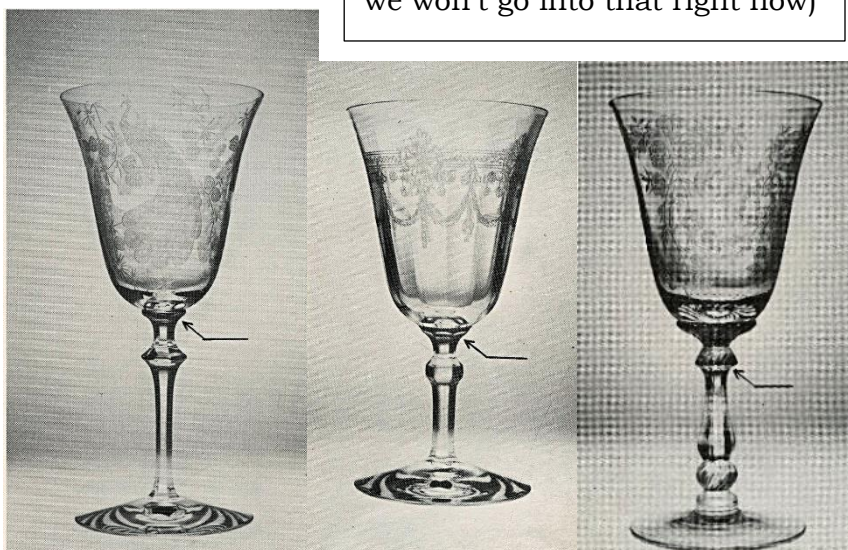
6010 Finesse and possibly 8136 Queen
Lily (bowls have identical diameter and
curvature but 8136 has taller
bowl, which could have been done by
cutting the bustoff higher)



6004 Classic, 8049 Jay, and 8065 Russell

(Below) 3333 Old Glory, 3344
Carolina, and 3408 Jamestown.
(3343 Georgia also shares this
bowl and Georgia's stem is
similar to 3344 Carolina, but
there is confusion about it and
we won't go into that right now)

This is the majority of stems
that share blown bowls. But
there are other shared bowls,
for example, 3335 Lady Leg
and 3342 Alabama, or 3389
Duquesne and 8024
Pineapple Stem.

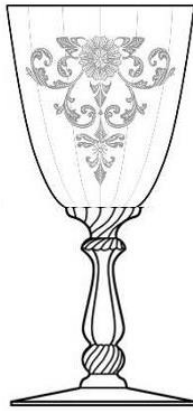


Stems you've never seen (and aren't likely to)

These are all fantasy stems. Heisey never made any of these combinations (so far as we know!). None of them, however, are impossible. Just imagine the possibilities....



**Bowl: 3333 Old Glory
Stem: 4091 Kimberly**



**Bowl: 3390 Carcassonne
Stem: 3408 Jamestown**



**Bowl: 3411 Monte Cristo
Stem: 5077 Legionnaire**



**Bowl: 3380 Old Dominion
Stem: 3404 Spanish**



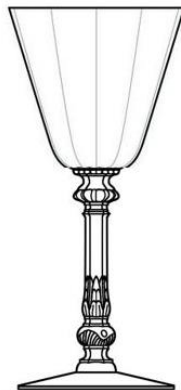
**Bowl: 3404 Spanish
Stem: 6060 Country Club**



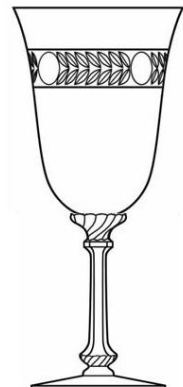
**Bowl: 3416 Barbara
Fritchie
Stem: 6091 Cabochon**



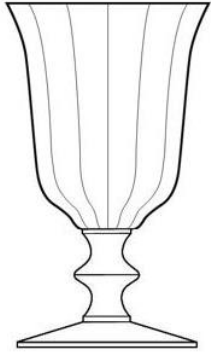
**Bowl: 3389 Duquesne
Stem: 6003 Tempo**



**Bowl: 3409 Plymouth
Stem: 5025 Tyrolean**



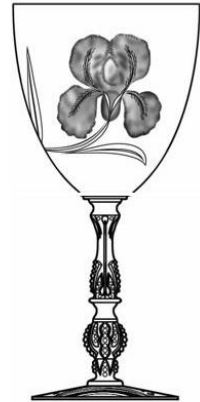
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Stem: 3380 Old Dominion**



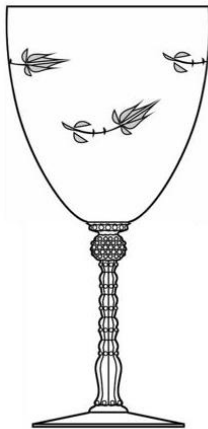
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Stem: 5086 Plantation Ivy



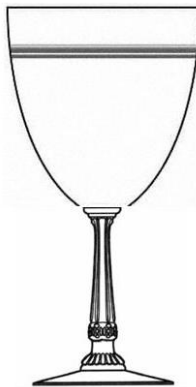
Bowl: 5086 Plantation Ivy
Stem: 3333 Old Glory



Bowl: 6060 Country Club
Stem: 3416 Barbara Fritchie



Bowl: 5077 Legionnaire
Stem: 3411 Monte Cristo



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