Inexpensive Early Ceramic

One type of inexpensive ware is called banded or "dipt". These vessels were usually bowls, mugs, tankards, and jugs (pitchers) that were hand-shaped and decorated while spinning on a jig. The decoration is a watery clay (slip) that is tinted and poured on the vessel in a number of designs but most often in stripes and bands. The slip is thicker than most glazes and therefore the designs can be felt with the fingers even though the vessel has been dipped in a clear glaze to protect the decoration.



Edgeware

This was one of the least expensive decorated wares available to the settlers. The decorated edges appeared completely uncolored or in several colors including red, blue, green, magenta, and metallic gold.



This scalloped rim was called shell-edge and was available between 1795 and 1845.

This plainer straight edged rim was produced between 1825 and 1891, but was rarely seen in America after 1840.