



## Imperial Luster Rose

Both the Luster Rose and Imperial's Open Rose are basically the same pattern, for some reason collectors have decided to call water sets, the footed bowls and table sets Luster Rose. The water sets can be found in purple, marigold, clambroth, amber, and green. The better the iridescence the glass has the more desirable the piece. In my opinion Imperial's "Electric Purple" or "Emerald Green" is among the prettiest glass that has been made in Carnival Glass by any company. I have never seen an Emerald Green Luster Rose water pitcher but I am sure they are out there. The water sets can be found with a ribbed interior or a plain interior, pieces with the plain interior are referred as the variant, (if you look closely at the top of the pictured tumbler you can see the ribbing). Tumblers can be found in a wide range of colors, it makes one wonder whether water pitchers were made in the same color or if Imperial made the tumblers in a wider variety of colors to sell separately. The Luster Rose and Open Rose patterns were reproduced by Imperial in a wide variety of colors, most of the reproduction glass was marked with an IG in the center of the piece, in the early days a few unscrupulous people would grind the IG off the piece of glass. Today the reproduction glass marked with the IG is desirable and collected on its own and can command decent prices at auction.

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