

Czech Bottles

The dazzling display made by many cut surfaces that catch the light, by ornate metal work and colorful jewels, make Czech bottles some of the most beautiful, and favorites of many collectors. Most were of lead crystal - glass that has lead added to it to make it harder and more brilliant. The stoppers, often taller than the bottles, were usually the focal point, featuring deeply etched flowers, figures or geometric designs. The stopper designs were usually cut on one side; the other side was smooth. The stoppers were ground to fit each bottle individually. Czech bottles were produced in the eastern European country of Czechoslovakia in the years 1918 to 1938.



*"Flowers in the Rain"**



Czech glass was made in many colors. Sometimes one part was colored and the other was clear.



This tiny jeweled purse bottle is just under 2 inches tall.



*Elephant Purse Bottle**

Opaque glass was developed to look like stone. The blue color was like the stone lapis lazuli.



These tiny bottles, up to 3" tall, were decorated with glass charms, or dangles. The charms were made in the form of many objects: fruits, flowers, people, and just about every object you can imagine!



Clear cut crystal, 5-3/4 " tall.