

Mom's Joy Room

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Fostoria “Coin” Glass — Blue Table Set

The Original Coin Line, 1958–1982 • Made in Moundsville, West Virginia • Eight-Piece Set

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$150 – \$300



The eight-piece blue Coin set: ashtrays, candlesticks, creamer, covered candy dish, salt shaker, and the three-well serving tray

History

The Fostoria Glass Company was one of the great names of American glassmaking. Founded in Fostoria, Ohio in 1887, the company found the fuel and sand it needed across the river and built its famous works in **Moundsville, West Virginia**, where it operated from 1891 until 1986 — making this set, quite literally, West Virginia glass. Through the twentieth century Fostoria produced elegant tableware by the millions of pieces, and its lines were the pride of American dining rooms.

In 1958, at the height of the mid-century entertaining era, Fostoria introduced its “Coin” pattern: substantial pressed glass embossed with rows of coin medallions — profiles, emblems, and classic figures, borrowed from the grand “U.S. Coin” pressed-glass tradition of the 1870s. The line ran until 1982 and became one of Fostoria’s most recognized mid-century patterns, issued in clear crystal and a small family of colors of which this rich blue is one of the most collected. The pieces are characteristically heavy — this set’s weight and crisp, high-relief medallions are consistent with the original Fostoria production rather than the lighter reproductions made after Lancaster Colony acquired the molds in the 1980s.

A set like this tells the story of its era: the ashtrays, candlesticks, creamer, and candy dish were the furniture of the mid-

century card table and buffet. The long oval tray with its three recessed wells completed the service — a smoker’s and serving tray whose round wells were made to hold the little cup ashtrays and condiment cups while the candlesticks lit the table. This estate-fresh set joined the Mom’s Joy Room collection in October 2026, kept together exactly as it was used.

“*Candlelight on coin-medallion blue — the mid-century card table, dressed for company.*”

The Set & Description

- Two (2) cup-style ashtrays, embossed coin medallions
- Two (2) candlestick holders
- Creamer with coin medallions
- Covered candy dish with pointed finial lid, medallions on bowl and lid
- Salt shaker with metal perforated lid, coin medallions
- Long oval three-well serving tray (recessed wells for the ashtrays, condiments, or smoking service)
- Saturated translucent blue, thick-walled heavy pressed glass — consistent with original Fostoria-era production
- Eight pieces total, uniform color and pattern, estate-fresh

Collector’s Notes

Fostoria’s Coin pattern (1958–1982) was reproduced after the company’s molds passed to Lancaster Colony; original-era pieces are heavier with sharper medallion relief, and the weight and crispness of this set are consistent with the original production. Blue Coin pieces individually retail in the \$15–35 range, with covered dishes and multi-piece sets commanding the upper end; a complete matched entertaining set in one color is scarcer than the sum of its parts. Hand wash gently in warm water — harsh scrubbing can dull the relief — and dry with a soft cloth. Pieces are unmarked, as much Fostoria pressed ware of this era was.

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Sandy Wade, Proprietor