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## Drinking set No.279 with painted fish

Design: Ted Muehling 2008

In Ted Muehling's first collaboration with Lobmeyr glassworks of Vienna, the New York designer draws upon centuries of historical trends to create a distinctly modern collection that blends utility, beauty and wit.

"I tried to go back in time, to pre-stemware when glasses were both sensible and poetic. They celebrated the contents within," he says. Muehling found beauty in the simple and utilitarian shapes of Roman and early European glass. He was also taken by the Vienna Secession period and the exquisitely thin pieces that Loos and Hoffman designed for Lobmeyr.

In fact, the convex and concave shapes beg to be held and caressed. Indentations in the bottom of each piece add another sensuous curve. And although he has designed some shapes with specific elixirs in mind (beer, cognac, schnapps, etc.), the glasses are meant to be multi-purpose. Water and wine flow equally well from a simple form.

In addition to the original decoration with insects and butterflies, there is an alternative with painted fish available now, which will turn your table into a lively aquarium. One (category B), two (C) or three (D) fish are painted on the bulgy tumbler shapes with a fine brush and enamel paint.

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