

BOSTON PATTERN  
SILVERED (MERCURY) GLASS  
DOOR KNOBS

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SILVERED GLASS, also called Mercury glass, is double walled glassware coated silver inside. For decades nineteenth-century glassmakers searched for a way to make silvered glassware using tin, lead, mercury and other compounds, but it wasn't until 1849 that a satisfactory method was found. That year in England the first patent for silvered glass was given to Hale Thomson and Edward Varnish. In 1855 the New England Glass Company received a patent in America, and production at other glassworks soon followed. Each manufacturer created their own recipe, a closely guarded secret.

The first silvered glass products were door knobs: Enoch Robinson, who once worked at the New England Glass Company, patented a "Method of Attaching Glass Knobs to Metallic Sockets" using a keystone shaped socket to hold in place a denticulated knob. For over a century since glass knobs have adorned doors, cabinets and drawers; they still define "cleanliness, purity, refinement and good taste."

E. R. Butler & Co., successor to E. & G. W. Robinson, still uses Robinson's innovation to produce silvered glass knobs of superior design and workmanship. Mercury Glass Knobs are available in 2 ¼ or 1 ¾ inch diameters for doors and 1 ½ inch for cabinets and furniture, with solid turned brass shanks available in many decorative finishes. All knobs are fully complemented by architectural trim including hinges, locks, cane bolts, cylinder rings and covers, key escutcheons and covers, thumb turns, doorstops, etc.

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*3/4 Scale*

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PREMIUM GRADE

## Boston Pattern Silvered (Mercury) Glass Knob

*Patterned after E. & G.W. Robinson's Design Patent of 1837*

Available in Sterling Silver, 24 Karat Gold or Copper Evaporated Interiors.  
2 ¼ or 1 ¾ in. Diameters for Doors and 1 ¼ in. for Cabinets and Fine Furniture.  
Solid Turned Brass Shank and Rose (Shell Shank Type I Shown).  
Standard, Custom Plated and Patinated Finishes Available.

*Full Scale*

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