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Polish Pottery From a Connecticut Source

Janelle Imports, in Enfield, Conn., sells the traditional stoneware pottery of Boleslawiec, Poland.



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For centuries, Boleslawiec in southwestern Poland has been known for its pottery, decorated with traditional folk designs. In 2003, Elle Englander, a native of that city who moved to Suffield, Conn., near Hartford, started importing Boleslawiec pottery to the United States and opened a store selling it in nearby Enfield. Ms. Englander gradually expanded, and now her warehouse store has about 60,000 pieces, many of which are also sold on a website. The stoneware pottery — in bowls, platters, bakeware, teapots and more — is available in scores of patterns at prices starting at \$15. The pieces can be used in an oven, microwave, dishwasher and freezer. New shapes and designs are frequently introduced.

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