

Roself - that pattern on black - No

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Well, yes and no. One of Shelley's most popular patterns on vases etc became known as "Roself", and the most widely known is pattern number 8103, which is described in the pattern book as "Conventional Rose. Vellum Black ground. Flowers blown in Harrison Pink. Leaves around flowers in Green".

But this pattern, introduced in 1914, is the sixth in that overall design, and the first three were in colours: mauve, water green, and apple green. Another one was on Opal Grey:



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8103

And the pattern description "Roself" did not appear in the pattern book until 1915 with the eighth pattern of this design. There were 16 patterns altogether, and later ones continued to vary the background colour and the colour of the rose petals!

The pattern series ended in 1919/1920 with 8475 described as "Roself border, pearl lustre" on Toilet ware. Only on black.



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Scale of illustrations: ¼

Magazine references

club	Year	month/vol/issue					
NSCC	2007	18	3	x	10741	Blue Roself	Argyle
					10476	Green Roself	Argyle
					10478	Maroon Roself	Argyle
SG	2007	Jun	83		Roself pattern		
SG	2007	Jun	83		Roself pattern	Patterns Teapots	