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**DID YOU KNOW THAT THE RIVER THAMES** is tidal through London? The muddy foreshore that is revealed at low tide is home to long-lost buried treasure, medieval tiles, glass bottles, coins, clay pipes and hundreds of ceramic chips from long-broken tea sets.

The searching for these fragments is called intertidal archaeology, but we have a much more romantic name for it: 'larking'.

You can 'lark' anywhere and I do! In my garden, on dog walks, at the beach and over the years, my family and I have collected hundreds of tiny pieces of china from broken tea sets, putting them for safe keeping in our pockets until we get them home to be washed and admired.

I just love the patterns, colours and the glimpses into past lives these larked, once mundane treasures offer. What stories they could tell us!

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JC 259 Victoria 70" x 70"

JC 261 High Tea 72" x 72"



JC 260 Albert 74" x 74"



JC 263 Broken Dishes 84" x 84"