

Olympic Games thimbles 1896-2016

There have been commemorative or souvenir thimbles created for most of the modern Olympic Games. These are mainly made for the Summer Games, held every four years (where possible) since 1896. There are fewer produced for the Winter Games. Even fewer for the Paralympic Games.

Thimbles commemorating the Invictus Games and the Commonwealth Games are outside the scope of this topic.

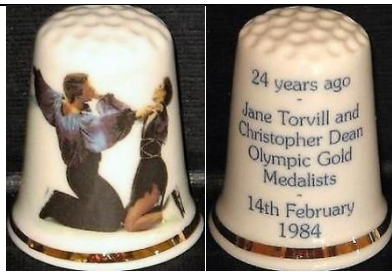
The topic ends with 2016: no thimbles for the Olympic Games have been made since then. That date also coincides with the demise of The Thimble Guild in 2018?

We can track the introduction of new sports as they were introduced from 1896 onwards, where athletics titles were then the only sports competed for.

Olympic Games

these thimbles don't pertain to any specific Games. If you know differently, I would love to hear please

 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> 'Bob Beamon created Olympic long jump record 8-9 ms.' commemorating 30th anniversary 18-10-98</p>	 <p><u>Bronte</u> 'Robin Cousins 20 years gold medal in the Olympics 1980-2000' skating with Olympic rings</p>	
 <p><u>Caverswall</u> athletics Union Jack with Olympic rings and laurel wreath</p>	 <p><u>Lindner</u> 1996 '100 Jahre Olympische Spiele'</p>	 <p>'To commemorate the centenary of modern Olympic Games 1896-1996'</p>
 <p><u>Paris</u> 'survival of Olympics 100 yrs' 6-4-1996</p>	 <p>'United States Olympic Swimming Center Colorado Springs'</p>	 <p>'United States Olympic Training Center San Diego'</p>



'24 years ago
Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean
Olympic gold medallists
14 February 1984'



SUMMER GAMES

1896 Athens



Settmacher
brass with paper inset
Parthenon

1908 London



Settmacher
brass with paper inset
hurdler

1912 Stockholm



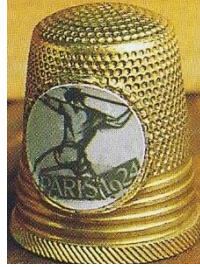
Settmacher
brass with paper inset

1920 Antwerp



Settmacher
brass with paper inset
discus thrower

1924 Paris



Settmacher
brass with paper inset
javelin thrower

1936 Berlin



Settmacher
silverplated with anodised band
'Germany Berlin 1936'



Settmacher
silverplated in colour
'Germany Berlin 1936'

1948 London



Settmacher
brass with paper inset
woman discus thrower superimposed over Big Ben and Houses of Parliament

1960 Rome



Settmacher

brass with paper inset and stone top
she wolf with Romulus and Remus

1976 Montreal



Hagop Israel
sterling silver

Olympic rings, Nadia Comaneci gymnast and basketball players, with Canadian maple leaf on apex



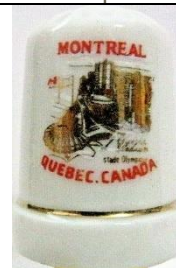
enamelled with brass
apex
handpainted maple leaf



enamelled with brass apex
handpainted Olympic rings and
clock



Olympic stadium on
metal badge



'Montreal Quebec,
Canada stade Olympic'



enamelled with brass apex
handpainted Olympic rings

1980 Moscow

 <p>Belmar Editions Olympic rings and Kremlin</p>	 <p>Hollohaza Hungary boxing</p>	 <p>Hollohaza Hungary sailing</p>
 <p>Hollohaza Hungary table tennis</p>	 <p>Mount Royal torch bearer</p>	

1984 Los Angeles

this is the first time the Games number was included in the thimble design (XXIII)

 <p>Avalon gold Olympic rings</p>	 <p>Caverswall Union Jack</p>	 <p>Fenton Union Jack and Olympic rings</p>
 <p>Finsbury Union Jack and Olympic rings</p>	 <p>Siegfried Flitsch hurdlers with Union Jack and US flag</p>	<p>no photo</p> <p>Paragon Union Jack and Olympic rings</p>
 <p>Papel mascot</p>	 <p>St George Union Jack and Olympic rings</p>	



Sutherland
various sports in Olympic rings with Union Jack
designer: Anthony Jackson



Sutherland
various sports in Olympic rings with Union Jack
blue and clear Swarovski crystals



Wedgwood
torch bearer



cycling



'Go America'



Japan
Games' Sam mascot



pewter
torch bearers



skating



soccer



weightlifting

1988 Seoul



Korea
athletics

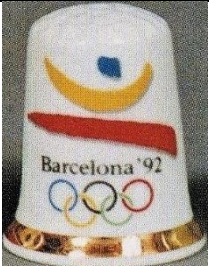


Woodsetton
Olympic rings



mascot
b&w photo

1992 Barcelona



Olympic rings



'Chris Boardman wins a gold medal'
British cyclist



pewter
discus - javelin - athletics

1996 Atlanta



Fort
Olympic flame



Pyramid Pottery
Olympic rings and US flag



boxed set of six



set advertising Coca Cola which comes from Atlanta



boxed set of twelve

2000 Sydney



Pan Arts

Olympics colours outline the Sydney Opera House



The Thimble Guild

Sydney Games symbol with Olympic rings

2004 Athens



Stephen Frost
discus



The Thimble Guild

laurel wreath and Olympic rings

2008 Beijing

thimbles feature British medalists



Bryn Weightman of Gwahaniaeth Crafts
cyclist



Bryn Weightman of Gwahaniaeth Crafts
kayaker



Bryn Weightman of Gwahaniaeth Crafts
rower



Bryn Weightman of Gwahaniaeth Crafts
sailor



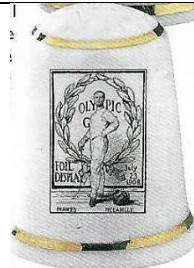
Bryn Weightman of Gwahaniaeth Crafts
swimmer



Bryn Weightman of Gwahaniaeth Crafts
torch bearer



The Thimble Guild
Britain's medal tally



The Thimble Guild
centenary of London Games



The Thimble Guild
Chris Hoy Britain's gold medalist cyclist



The Thimble Guild
Christine Ohuruogu Britain's gold medalist athlete



The Thimble Guild
Michael Phelps America's swimmer wins eight gold medals



The Thimble Guild
Rebecca Adlington Britain's gold medalist swimmer



The Thimble Guild
Tom Ainslie Britain's gold medalist dinghy sailing



The Thimble Guild
Olympic rings

2012 London

thimbles feature British medalists



The Thimble Guild
commemorating 1948
London Olympics



The Thimble Guild
Andy Murray gold
medallist



The Thimble Guild
Jennifer Ennis gold
medalist



The Thimble Guild
Mo Farah gold medalist



The Thimble Guild
Sir Chris Hoy gold medalist



The Thimble Guild
The phoenix rises



The Thimble Guild
'Three cheers for Great
Britain'



The Thimble Guild
torch bearers



The Thimble Guild
with British icons - date in
flag colours



The Thimble Guild
MMXII with stadium



The Thimble Guild



The Thimble Guild
flag



The Thimble Guild



The Thimble Guild
with British icons - date in
colours



Woodsetton
Union Jack



disc thrower with icons of London

2016 Rio de Janeiro

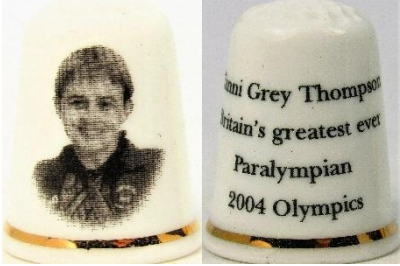
thimbles mainly feature British medalists

 <p>NEW</p> <p>Adam Peaty – 100m Breaststroke The Thimble Guild Adam Peaty 100m breaststroke</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Alistair Brownlee – Triathlon The Thimble Guild Alistair Brownlee triathlon</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Andy Murray – Tennis The Thimble Guild Andy Murray tennis</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Charlotte Dujardin – Dressage Equestrian The Thimble Guild Charlotte Dujardin dressage equestrian</p>
 <p>NEW</p> <p>Clark & Mills – 470 Sailing The Thimble Guild Clark and Mills 470 sailing</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Rio 2016 Closing Ceremony The Thimble Guild closing ceremony</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Giles Scott – Finn Sailing The Thimble Guild Giles Scott finn sailing</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Glover/Stanning – Pairs Rowing The Thimble Guild Glover and Stanning pairs rowing</p>
 <p>NEW</p> <p>Jade Jones – Taekwondo The Thimble Guild Jude Jones taekwondo</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Jason Kenny – Cycling Sprint and Keirin The Thimble Guild Jason Kenny cycling sprint and keirin</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Joseph Clarke – Kayak Slalom The Thimble Guild Jason Clarke kayak slalom</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Jess Ennis-Hill – Silver Heptathlete The Thimble Guild Jess Ennis-Hall heptathlon – silver medal</p>
 <p>NEW</p> <p>Justin Rose – Individual Golf The Thimble Guild Justin Rose golf</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Laugher/Mears – 3m Synchronised Springboard The Thimble Guild Laugher and Mears 3m synchronised springboard</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Laura Trott – Cycling The Thimble Guild Laura Trott cycling</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Liam Heath – Canoe Sprint The Thimble Guild Liam Heath canoe sprint</p>

 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> Max Whitlock gymnast</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> men's eight rowing</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Men's Four –</u> men's four rowing</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Men's Team Sprint</u> men's team sprint cycling</p>
 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Mo Farah –</u> Men's 5,000m & 10,000m</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> Mo Farah 5000m and 10,000m</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Nicola Adams –</u> Women's Fly weight Boxing</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> Nicola Adams fly weight boxing</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Nick Skelton -</u> Equestrian</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> Nick Skelton equestrian</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p>Opening Ceremony Ref: T128631 £7.95</p> <p><u>Rio 2016</u> Opening Ceremony</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> opening ceremony</p>
 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Women's</u> Hockey</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> women's hockey team</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Women's Team</u> Pursuit – Cycling</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> women's team pursuit cycling</p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>Rio</u> 2016</p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u></p>	 <p>NEW</p> <p><u>The Rio Games 2016</u></p> <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u></p>

PARALYMPIC GAMES

2004 Athens

 <p><u>Panni Grey Thompson</u> Britain's greatest ever Paralympian 2004 Olympics</p> <p><u>'Panni Grey Thompson'</u> Britain's greatest ever paralympian'</p>
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2012 London

thimbles feature British medalists



The Thimble Guild
Ellie Simmonds
swimming

2014 winter Sochi

thimbles feature British medalists



The Thimble Guild
L: Kelly Gallagher
skiing Super-G

2016 Rio



The Thimble Guild
'Team GB'

WINTER GAMES

1980 Lake Placid

 <p>'Athlete's village' Olympic flame</p>	 <p>ski ramps</p>	 <p>Germany 925</p>	
 <p>'XIIIth Olympics' 'Only a thimble full'</p>	 <p>Olympic rings and snowflake</p>	 <p>skier</p>	 <p>'U S A' snowflake</p>
 <p>Olympic rings wood</p>			

1984 Sarajevo

 <p>Caverswall 'ice-dancing Olympic & World champions Torvill & Dean'</p>	 <p>St George Torvill and Dean</p>
 <p>Sutherland 'Torvill & Dean gold medal' with Union Jack and English roses</p>	



Sutherland
 skier with Union Jack and Olympic rings
 R: with Swarovski crystal in apex



Torvill Dean



'Jayne Torvill & Christopher Dean
 World ice skating champions 1981/82/83/84
 Olympic Games medallists'

1988 Calgary



'Driemaal goud voor Yvonne van Gennip'
 snowflake and Olympic rings
 b&w photo

1992 Albertville



Olympic rings and flame

1998 Calgary



Woodsetton
 'Eddie the eagle' and peep has Eddie's picture

2002 Salt Lake City



Paralympic flame and rings
R: blue stones embedded in rim

2006 Turin



Bryn Weightman of Gwahaniaeth Crafts
skier



The Thimble Guild
'Torino 2006' Olympic rings

2014 Sochi

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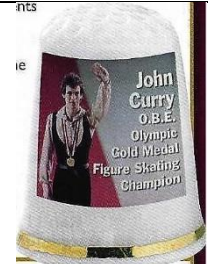
The Thimble Guild
women's curling -
bronze medal



The Thimble Guild
men's curling - silver
medal



The Thimble Guild
L: Jane Etherington -
bronze medal
snowboarding



The Thimble Guild
John Curry OBE
figure-skating



The Thimble Guild
Lizzy Yarnold
skeleton



The Thimble Guild

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