

Children's books characters on thimbles

including nursery rhymes - fairy tales and fables

If you are ever thinking of a starter thimble collection for a child – maybe this thematic topic may be the perfect start for a collection? As most of the thimbles are made of china, they would be a reasonable theme to collect? The thimble may show the cover of a favourite book or an actual character. Maybe these thimbles will send you to revisit to your favourite childhood read? Check whether your favourite thimble maker has created a thimble?



It seems that the earlier the book was published, the more prolific the thimbles associated with the characters are. For these bigger sections, the book characters are depicted separately.

Some of the thimbles show only the book title – these still encapsulate the books character.

We are familiar with so many characters on television and in films that didn't originate in book form (for example Jim Henson's The Muppets). They are outside the scope of this topic.

Disney movies have played a huge role in bringing book characters to the screen. Thimble makers have been influenced by these movie versions, especially in the fairy tales section. Without the original author, many of the films or TV versions would not exist. Many of these versions are shown on many of the thimbles below.

Children grew up listening to nursery rhymes and fairy tales – these are included at the end of the topic. There are no lullabies like Twinkle twinkle little star ...

Pewter is an ideal medium for thimble makers to show the finest details of nursery rhymes.

Most of the china thimbles have decals that are often repeated.

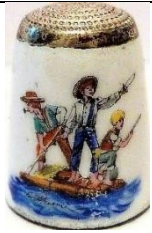
Its lovely to find the odd handpainted thimbles – and there are several sterling silver thimbles depicting the book characters.

The following was not written for children:
The little prince - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

I have arranged the topic alphabetically by the title of the book depicted. Within each book, thimbles with a known maker are listed first.

Children's books characters

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER 1876 – THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN 1884 Mark Twain (US)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Huckleberry Finn book	<u>Francesca</u> Huckleberry Finn	<u>Heirloom Editions USA</u> Huckleberry Finn handpainted by Tasia	<u>Chris Harmer</u> 1976 Tom Sawyer enamelled sterling silver
			
<u>Francesca</u> Tom Sawyer		<u>Sutherland</u> 1984 Tom Sawyer	

ALICE IN WONDERLAND Lewis Carroll 1865 (UK)

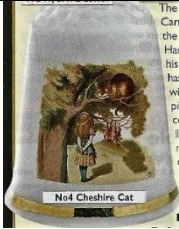
it is interesting how differently each thimble maker interprets this story's characters

Alice

most of the thimbles feature Alice and are included here, no matter which character accompanies her

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Alice in Wonderland book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Drink me	<u>Birchcroft</u> Alice in Wonderland poster	<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u> Alice and the Caterpillar
			
<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u> Alice and the Dodo	<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat	<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u> Alice and the White Rabbit	<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u> Alice and the Mad Hatter
			
<u>Charles Iles</u> Alice and the Dodo	<u>Charles Iles</u> Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party	<u>Charles Iles</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat Alice in Wonderland	<u>Hallmark Cards USA</u> 1995 <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>

				
<u>Harmer</u>	<u>Heirloom Editions USA</u> handpainted by CC Alice and the Knave of Hearts		<u>Lucerne Wulf USA</u> sterling silver	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> Alice and the Mad Hatter
				
<u>McMillan & Wife</u> Alice and the Lion and the Unicorn	<u>R.J.K. USA</u> Alice and the White Rabbit handpainted silver			<u>Royal Grafton</u> Advice from the Caterpillar
				
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and croquet match	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Curiouser and curiouser	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Dodo before the caucus	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Dodo we beg your pardon	
				
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Drink me	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and Humpty Dumpty	<u>Royal Grafton</u> If it had grown up it would have made a dreadfully ugly child		<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party
				
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Queen of Hearts Off with her head	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Queen of Hearts Speak roughly to your little boy and beat him when he sneezes	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the deer	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the golden crown	
				
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Lion and the Unicorn		<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the White Knight	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Wont you join the dance	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u> 1988 (L) Drink me

			
<u>Sterling Classic</u> 1998	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat	<u>Sterling Classic</u> 1998 Alice and the Cheshire Cat	<u>Walt Disney</u> USA 1988
			
	Alice and the Caterpillar commemorating 150 th anniversary 2012	Alice and the Cheshire Cat commemorating 150 th anniversary 2012	Alice and the Dodo commemorating 100 th anniversary the authors death 1998
			
Drink me commemorating 150 th anniversary 2012	movie with Mia Wasilkoski as Alice	Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll first published in 1865 150 years ago	movie with Mia Wasilkoski as Alice and White Rabbit
			
	Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party commemorating 150 th anniversary	Alice and the Queen of Hearts commemorating 150 th anniversary	Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party
			
<u>Harmer</u> Carpenter	<u>Harmer</u> Caterpillar		

Cheshire Cat



Comstock Creations USA



Hallmark Cards USA 1998
Alice in Wonderland



Harmer



Royal Grafton
It vanished quite lowly,
beginning with the far end
of its tail and ending
with the grin



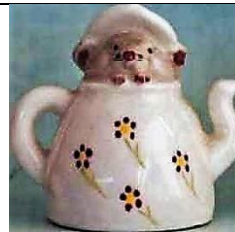
Dormouse



Carol Ann Miniatures



Daniel Riccio US 1998
bronze



Harmer



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 1988



Sterling Classic 1998
Duchess



Moorland Miniatures
Old Father William



Royal Grafton
Old Father William



Harmer
Hand of cards



Birchcroft
Herald



Royal Grafton
Herald



Royal Grafton
Jabberwocky



Harmer
King of Hearts

Mad Hatter



Birchcroft



Hallmark Cards USA 1996
Alice in Wonderland



Harmer



Healacraft China
'Twinkle twinkle little bat
how I wonder what you're
at
Up above the the world
you fly, like a teatray in
the sky
Woodsetton Peepr of
speech by Mad Hatter



Royal Grafton



Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1988



Sterling Classic 1998



1993



March Hare



Harmer



Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1998



Sterling Classic

Queen of Hearts



Harmer



Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1998



Sterling Classic 1998

Tweedledum and Tweedledee



Comstock Creations USA



Royal Grafton

Walrus and the Carpenter



Harmer



McMillan & Wife



Royal Grafton

White Rabbit



Carol Ann Miniatures 2016



Hallmark Cards USA 1997
Alice in Wonderland



Harmer



Royal Grafton



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 1998



Sterling Classic 2001



commemorating 150th
anniversary 2012



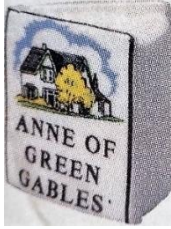
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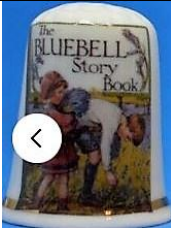
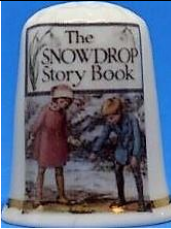
Royal Grafton

quote Twas brillig and the slithy toves

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES Lucy Maude Montgomery 1908 (Canada)

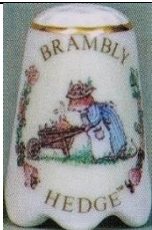
		
<u>Birchcroft</u> Anne of Green Gables book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Green Gables	<u>Bronte</u>
		
Green Gables Prince Edward Island resin		

THE BOOK OF FLOWER FAIRIES Cecily Mary Barker 1927 (UK)

		
<u>Birchcroft</u> The Bluebell story book	<u>Birchcroft</u> The Pansy story book	<u>Birchcroft</u> The Snowdrop story book

BRAMBLEY HEDGE Jill Barklem 1980 (UK)

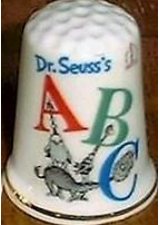
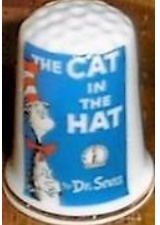
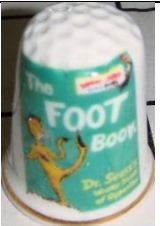
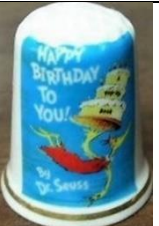
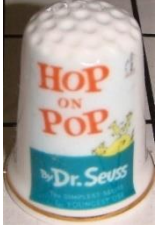
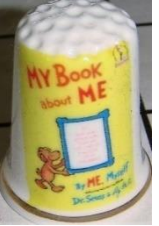
			
Autumn 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Basil <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Basil 1983 on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic	Catkin <u>Enesco</u> nursery basket
			
Clover <u>Enesco</u> nursery basket	Clover 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Lady Woodmouse 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Lady Woodmouse <u>Enesco</u> winter

			
Mrs Apple 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Mrs Apple <u>Enesco</u> summer	Mrs Apple on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic	Mrs Appleyard 2006 <u>Lindner</u>
			
Mrs Toadflax on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic	Poppy on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic	Primrose 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Spring 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u>
			
Summer 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	The little children 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	The wedding 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Wilfred <u>Enesco</u> nursery basket
			
Wilfred <u>Enesco</u> spring	Wilfred 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Winter 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	nursery basket <u>Enesco</u>

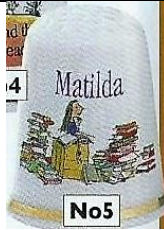
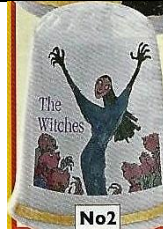
THE CAT IN THE HAT etc Dr Seuss 1957 (US)



bronze statue of the author and his character

			
ABC	The cat in the hat	The cat in the hat comes back	Come to a party
			
	Dr Seuss ...	The foot book	Happy birthday to you
			
Hop on pop	Horton hatches the egg	Horton hears a who	My book about me
			
Oh, the places you'll go	A season of Seuss 2007 Fox in socks resin	A season of Seuss 2007 Gringe resin	A season of Seuss 2007 Sam I am resin
			
Yertle the turtle			

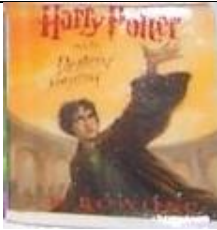
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY etc Roald Dahl 1964 (UK)

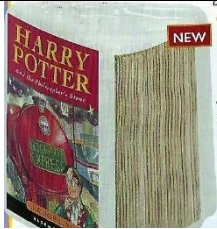
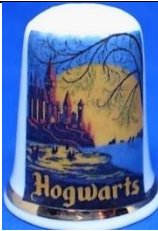
			
We is in dream country the BFG said, this is where all dreams happen	Charlie and the chocolate factory 2013	Fantastic Mr Fox 2013	James and the giant peach 2013
			
Matilda 2013	The Twits 2013	The witches 2013	

GUMNUT BABIES 1916 – SNUGGLEPOT AND CUDDLEPIE 1918 May Gibbs (Australia)

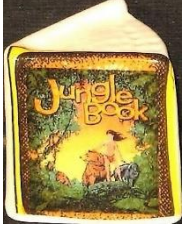
	
Royal Grafton 1994 Gumnut Babies	firehydrant
	
Jan Milton handpainted Snugglepot Cuddlepie	

HARRY POTTER J K Rowling 1997 (UK)

			
Dobby	Birchcroft Hagrid	Hagrid	Birchcroft Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets book
			
Birchcroft Harry Potter and the deathly hallows book	Birchcroft Harry Potter and the goblet of fire book	Harry Potter and the goblet of fire	Birchcroft 2005 Harry Potter and the half-blood prince book

			
Harry Potter and the goblet of fire	<u>Birchcroft</u> 2003 Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> 2017 Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book 20 years since publication	Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book 20 years since publication	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter	Harry Potter movie
			
Harry Potter movie	Harry Potter playing quidditch		
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Hermione	Hermione	<u>Birchcroft</u> Hogwarts	<u>Birchcroft</u> Oliver
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Professor Dumbledore	Professor Dumbledore	<u>Birchcroft</u> Ron	Ron

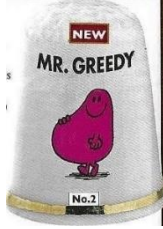
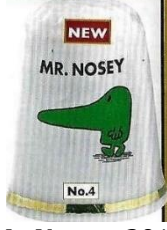
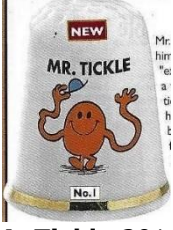
THE JUNGLE BOOK Rudyard Kipling 1894 (UK)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Bagheera	<u>Birchcroft</u> Baloo	<u>Lenox USA</u> Baloo	<u>Birchcroft</u> Sue
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Jungle book	Jungle book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Kaa	<u>Birchcroft</u> Little eElephant
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Monkey	<u>Birchcroft</u> Mowgli	<u>Birchcroft</u> Rama	<u>Birchcroft</u> Sheer Khan
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> The Apes	<u>Birchcroft</u> The Colonel	<u>Birchcroft</u> Vultures	<u>Birchcroft</u> Yogi Bear and Booboo

MARY POPPINS P L Travers 1933 (UK)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Mary Poppins the musical poster	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	Mary Poppins 50th anniversary 1964-2014 2014	Mary Poppins 50th anniversary 1964-2014 2014

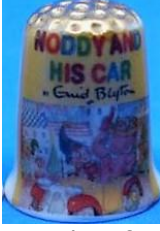
MR MEN Roger Hargreaves 1971 (UK)

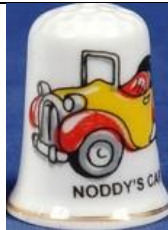
 Mr Men 2016 celebrating 65th anniversary of Little Miss	 Mr Greedy 2014	 Mr Happy 2014
 Mr Nosey 2014	 Mr Tickle 2014	 Mr Men 2016 A white Christmas

NODDY Enid Blyton 1949 (UK)



Great British authors Enid Blyton 1897-1968

 Birchcroft Enid Blyton was born 100 years ago today 11-Aug-97	 Bert Monkey	 Birchcroft Big Ears	 Big Ears
 Birchcroft Dinah	 Goblins - Sly and Gobbo	 Birchcroft Martha	 Birchcroft P.C. Plod
 Mr Plod	 Birchcroft	 Birchcroft Noddy and his car book	 Birchcroft The big Noddy book

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> The new Noddy book	Noddy in his car 2004	Noddy in his car and Big Ears	<u>Birchcroft</u> Noddys car
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Rusty		<u>Birchcroft</u> Tessie	Tessie Bear

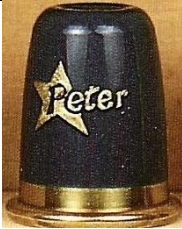
PADDINGTON BEAR Michael Bond 1958 (UK)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> please look after this bear thank you	<u>Birchcroft</u> please look after this bear	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 at the seaside	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 bedtime
			
<u>Coalport</u> 1983 gardening	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 sweeps up	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 takes a snack	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 takes a trip
			
<u>Enesco</u> 1990 sitting on marmalade jar	<u>Enesco</u> 1990 standing on marmalade jar	<u>Enesco</u> 1990 takes a trip - marmalade jar	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 1998 breakfast
			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 gardening	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 green jacket	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 marmalade	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 picnic

			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany 1998 picnic	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 takes a trip	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 1998 takes a trip	<u>Reutter</u> Germany
			
<u>Schmid</u> Germany 1983 A bears noel	<u>Schmid</u> Germany 1984 How sweet it is	silver-plated pewter 1998 at the seaside	silver-plated pewter 1998 jogging
			
silver-plated pewter 1998 plays golf	silver-plated pewter 1998 plays soccer	silver-plated pewter 1998 plays tennis	silver-plated pewter 1998 takes a trip
			
celebrating 50 years 2008	Christmas 2014		

PETER PAN J M Barrie 1904 (UK)

Peter

			
<u>Ann Sullivan</u> UK handpainted	<u>Birchcroft</u> movie poster	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Colin Tyler</u> UK stacking thimble
			
<u>Fort</u> USA ...Maryland More than a restaurant	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Walt Disney</u> 1988	<u>Woodseton</u> UK 1989 peep

 65 th anniversary 2018			 movie poster
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Captain Hook

 <u>Birchcroft</u>	 <u>Colin Tyler UK</u> stacking thimble	 <u>The Thimble Guild 2005</u> 100 year anniversary	
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Crocodile

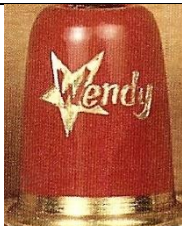
 <u>Birchcroft</u>	 <u>Colin Tyler UK</u> stacking thimble	 <u>The Thimble Guild 2005</u> 100 year anniversary	
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 <u>Birchcroft</u> John	 <u>The Thimble Guild 2005</u> John 100 year anniversary	 John	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Jolly Roger
 <u>Birchcroft</u> Michael	 Michael	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Nana	 <u>Colin Tyler UK</u> Smeeth stacking thimble
 <u>Birchcroft</u> Tiger Lily			

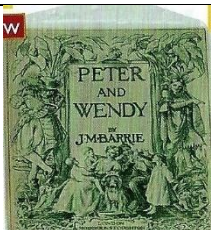
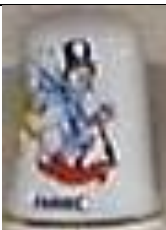
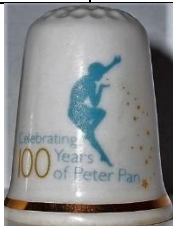
Tinkerbell

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Colin Tyler UK</u> stacking thimble	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild 2005</u> 100 year anniversary
			
<u>Walt Disney 1988</u>			
			
<u>Secret wings</u>			

Wendy

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild 2005</u> 100 year anniversary	<u>Woodsetton UK 1989</u> peep	

Others

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Peter Pan and Never Land book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Peter and Wendy by J.M. Barrie book	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u>
			
<u>The Thimble Guild 2005</u> Celebrating 100 years of Peter Pan Charity No 235825		<u>The Thimble Guild</u> J.M. Barries Peter Pan 100 years	

PINOCCHIO Carlo Collodi 1883 (Italy)

Pinocchio

			
<u>Ann Sullivan</u> UK handpainted	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Q2</u> USA handpainted wood
			

Jiminy Cricket

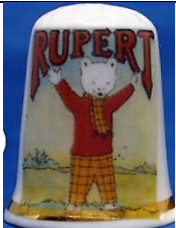
			
<u>Sterling Classic</u>	<u>Walt Disney</u> 1988		

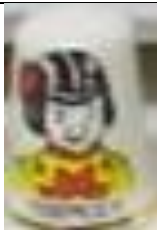
RAGGEDY ANN - ANDY Johnny Gruelle 1915 (US)

			
<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA Andy	<u>Janet Pitts</u> USA Andy	<u>Radnor</u> Andy	<u>Birchcroft</u> Ann and Andy
			
<u>Calico Cuties</u> USA handpainted	<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA Ann	<u>Janet Pitts</u> USA Ann	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1996 Ann
			
<u>Radnor</u> UK Ann		<u>Ann</u> 1990 handpainted	

RUPERT BEAR Herbert Tourtel 1920 (UK)

Rupert

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> 100 year anniversary	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u> Christmas	<u>Maureen Jones Silver</u> <u>Scenes Ltd Wales</u> Full of glee hoping soon to see the sea
			
	85 year anniversary 2006	Rupert and Bill celebrate	
			
	Christmas	in the rain	
			
	85 year anniversary 2006	picking flowers	in the snow
			
Rupert with Ping Pond and Bill		Rupert with Willie	
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Algy	<u>Birchcroft</u> Bill	<u>Birchcroft</u> Edward	<u>Birchcroft</u> Podgy

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Professor	<u>Birchcroft</u> Rex	<u>Birchcroft</u> Tiger Lily	<u>Birchcroft</u> Wise Old Goat

THE SNOWMAN Raymond Briggs 1978 (UK)

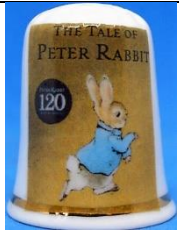
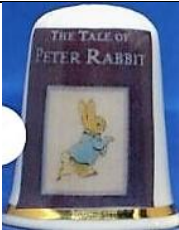
			
<u>Border Fine Arts Studio</u> UK 2003 enamelled	<u>Royal Doulton</u> pyjamas	<u>Royal Doulton</u> snowman	<u>Royal Doulton</u> skier
			
<u>Royal Doulton</u> sheriff	<u>Royal Doulton</u> Highland dancer	<u>Royal Doulton</u> braces	

THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT etc Beatrix Potter 1902 (UK)



Frederick Warne & Co were the publisher of all her books. Their initials often appear inside many of these thimbles. Most of the characters portrayed were those drawn by Beatrix Potter in her 23 books.

Peter Rabbit – The tale of Peter Rabbit

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Peter and family	<u>Birchcroft</u> 2022 The tale of Peter Rabbit 120 years	<u>Birchcroft</u> The tale of Peter Rabbit book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Peter in the garden
			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2002 100 years	<u>Reutter</u> Germany L: 2001 Peter and family	<u>Reutter</u> Germany Peter and family

			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany Peter in the garden 100 years	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2002 Peter in the snow	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2005 Peters Christmas party	<u>Schmid</u> 2002 100 years
			
<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2012 Peter and family	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2013 70 years of Potters death	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1983
			
gold painted apex	1994	film	Peter and family gold painted apex
			
Peter Rabbit and friends 1995	Peter in the garden gold painted apex	gold-plated pewter 2003	silver-plated Korea 1993
			
Happy Easter	Peter in the snow gold painted apex	silver-plated pewter 2003	silver-plated pewter
			
Peter Rabbit and the Guides of Troutbeck Park Beatrix Potter 31 st May 1928	papier maché Philippines	handpainted wood 1997 Philippines R: 2002 100 years	

 <u>Sutherland</u> Amiable Guinea Pig Appley Dapplys nursery rhymes	 <u>Sutherland</u> Anna Maria The tale of Samuel Whiskers	 <u>Sutherland</u> Appley Dappler Appley Dapplys nursery rhymes
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Benjamin Bunny – The tale of Benjamin Bunny

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Reutter</u> Germany L: 2001	<u>Sutherland</u>
			
<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2013 70 years of Potters death	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1983		

 <u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 Cecily Parsley	 <u>Sutherland</u> Cecily Parsley	 <u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 Dig Diggory Delvet
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Duchess - The tale of the pie and the patty pan

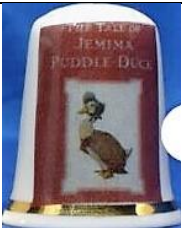
 <u>Birchcroft</u>	 <u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	 <u>Sutherland</u>	
 <u>Sutherland</u> The fierce bad rabbit The story of a fierce bad rabbit	 <u>Sutherland</u> Flopsy The tale of Flopsy bunnies	 <u>Wedgwood</u> 1983 Flopsy	 <u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2015 Flopsy Mopsy and Cottontail

			
<u>Sutherland</u> Foxy Whiskered Gentleman The tale of Jemima Puddleduck	<u>Sutherland</u> Gardening Guinea Pig Cecily Parsleys nursery rhymes	<u>Sutherland</u> Gentle Rabbit The story of a fierce bad rabbit	<u>Sutherland</u> Ginger The tale of Ginger and Pickles
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Goody and Mrs Hackee	<u>Sutherland</u> Goody Tiptoes The tale of Tommy Tiptoes		<u>Birchcroft</u> Guinea pigs

Hunca Munca – The tale of two bad mice

			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death 2014
			
1994	silver-plated pewter 2003		1994

Jemima Puddleduck – The tale of Jemima Puddleduck

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Book cover	<u>Crummles</u> UK 1989 enamelled	<u>Jacqui Walker</u> UK 1997 crocheted	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996
			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany L: 2001	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2013 70 years of Potters death	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1983

	no photo		
gold painted apex	silver-plated pewter 2003	silver-plated Korea 1993	thimble holder

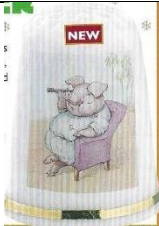
Johnny Town Mouse – The tale of Johnny Town Mouse

			
<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild 2015</u>	gold painted apex

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Kep The tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> Kitty in Boots book cover	<u>Lenox USA 1996</u> Lady Mouse	<u>Sutherland</u> Lucie The tale of Mrs Tiggy Winkle


<u>Sutherland</u> Lucinda The tale of two bad mice

Little Pig Robinson - The Tale of Little Pig Robinson

		no photo
<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild 2014</u>	silver-plated pewter 2003

Miss Moppet – The story of Miss Moppet

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u> Miss Moppet and Mittens	<u>Lenox USA 1996</u>	<u>Sutherland</u>

			
<u>Sutherland</u> Mouse The story of Miss Moppet	<u>Sutherland</u> The Mouse Tailor The tailor of Gloucester	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 The Mouse who had too many children lived in a shoe	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 Mr Alderman Ptolem
			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 Mr Fox	Mr Fox 70 years of Potters death 2013	<u>Sutherland</u> Mr Jackson The tale of Mrs Tittlemouse	

Mr Jeremy Fisher - The tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher

			
<u>Crummles</u> UK 1989 enamelled	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death
			
1994	silver-plated pewter 2003	gold painted apex	

		
Mr Pricklepin 2014 Applely Dapplys nursery rhymes	<u>Sutherland</u> Mr Tod	<u>Birchcroft</u> Mrs Rabbit
		
Mrs Rabbit 2015	<u>Birchcroft</u> Mrs Tabitha Twitchit	<u>Sutherland</u> Mrs Tabitha Twitchit The tale of Tom Kitten

Mrs Tiggy Winkle The tale of Mrs Tiggle Winkle

				
Birchcroft		Lenox USA 1996		Sutherland
				
Wedgwood 1983		1994		gold painted apex

Mrs Tittlemouse – The tale of Mrs Tittlemouse

		no photo	
Sutherland	The Thimble Guild 2015	silver-plated pewter 2003	2015

Old Brown The tale of Squirrel Nutkin

		
Birchcroft	Lenox USA 1996	Sutherland

		
Lenox USA 1996 Old Mr Benjamin Bunny	Sutherland Old Mr Benjamin Bunny The tale of Benjamin Bunny	Sutherland Older Mr Benjamin Bunny The tale of the Flopsy Bunnies

Old Mrs Rabbit The tale of Peter Rabbit

		
Birchcroft	Lenox USA 1996	Sutherland

Pigling Bland The tale of Pigling Bland

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Pigling Bland and Alexander	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014
 silver-plated pewter 2003			

	
<u>Sutherland</u> Pig Wig The tale of Pigling Bland	<u>Birchcroft</u> Ripley

Ribby - The tale of the pie and the patty pan

			no photo
<u>Birchcroft</u> Cousin Tibby	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	silver-plated pewter 2003 Cousin Tibby

Samuel Whiskers - The tale of Two Bad Mice

			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014	silver-plated pewter 2003

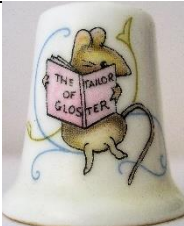
		
<u>Birchcroft</u> Simpkin the cat	<u>Sutherland</u> Simpkin the cat The Tailor of Gloucester	<u>Sutherland</u> Sir Isaac Newton The tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher

Squirrel Nutkin – The tale of Squirrel Nutkin

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> book cover	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death
			
1994	gold painted apex	gold-plated pewter 2003	


<u>Sutherland</u> Susan The tale of Little Pig Robinson

The Tailor of Gloucester – The Tailor of Gloucester

			
<u>Crummles</u> UK 1985 enameled	<u>Lindner</u> Germany 2001	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> Models	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1983
			
gold-plated Korea 1993 limited to 200	gold painted apex	gold-plated pewter 2003	Peter Rabbit and friends 100 years 1994

Timmy Tiptoes – The tale of Timmy Tiptoes

		
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2015

Timmy Willie – The tale of Johnny Town Mouse



Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2015

Tom Kitten – The tale of Tom Kitten



Birchcroft



Birchcroft



Lenox USA 1996



Reutter Germany 2001
Tom Kitten and his sisters



Reutter Germany 2001



Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2014
70 years of Potters death
2014



The Thimble Guild 2014
70 years of Potters death



1994



silver-plated pewter 2003

Tom Thumb – The tale of Two Bad Mice



Birchcroft

Tommy Brock The tale of Mr Tod



Lenox USA 1996



Sutherland

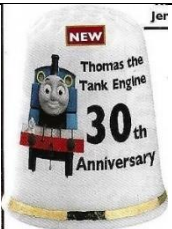
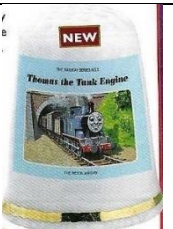
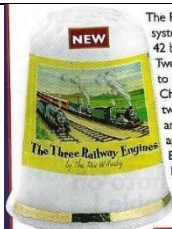


The Thimble Guild 2014
70 years of Potters death

Two Bad Mice – The tale of Two Bad Mice

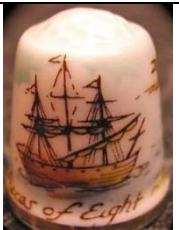
			
<u>Crummles</u> UK 1989 enamelled		2014	gold painted apex

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE Wilbur Awdry 1946 (UK)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 Thomas the tank engine 30 th anniversary	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2015 Thomas the tank engine 70 years	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2015 Thomas the tank engine 70 years Three railway engines

TREASURE ISLAND Robert Louis Stevenson 1883 (UK)



			
<u>Birchcroft</u> book	<u>Fort USA</u> Pirate Las Vegas	<u>Fort USA</u> Pirate	<u>Sutherland</u> 1983 Hispaniola
			
<u>Sutherland</u> 1983 pieces of eight	<u>Sutherland</u>	Treasure Island Fort Las Vegas est. 1993	
			

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Kenneth Grahame 1908 (UK)
the illustrations by Ernest Shepard are those used on the thimbles below

Badger

			
<u>Berkshire</u> breakfast at Badgers	<u>Berkshire</u> Badgers little place	<u>Caverswall</u> 1983 limited to 250	<u>Heirloom</u> USA
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u> riverbank	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert</u> 1987	
			
<u>The Thimble Garden</u> UK 100 th anniversary		On a small brass plate, neatly engraved, they could read by the light of the moonlight 1984	

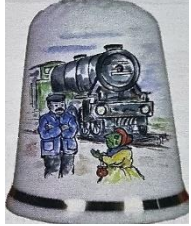
Mole

			
<u>Berkshire</u> picnic	<u>Berkshire</u> seach for Portly	<u>Carol Ann Miniatures</u> picnic	<u>Caverswall</u> 1983 limited to 250
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u> picnic	<u>Royal Albert</u> 1987	<u>The Thimble Garden</u> UK 100 th anniversary	Mole gasped, "Oh my Oh my:!" at each revelation 1984

Ratty

			
<u>Berkshire picnic</u>	<u>Caverswall 1983 limited to 250</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert 1987</u>
			
<u>The Thimble Garden UK 100th anniversary</u>	<u>Thimbles n Things UK</u>	There is absolutely nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats 1984	Very well sang boy, cried the rat heartily. And now come along in and warm yourself 1984

Toad

			
<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>
			
<u>Berkshire gypsy caravan</u>	<u>Berkshire Toads escape</u>	<u>Berkshire Toad speaks</u>	<u>Caverswall 1983 limited to 250</u>
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert 1987</u>	<u>The Thimble Garden UK 100th anniversary</u>	Toad with a quaking heart, but as firm a footstep as he could command, Toad set fort cautiously.
			
I wonder, Toad said to himself presently, I wonder if this sort of car starts easily	Oh sir, said Toad crying afresh, I am a poor washerwoman and Ive lost all my money	Prisoner. Pull yourself together. Its going to be twenty years for you this time	Shout hooray For its a Toads great day. He sang very load with great unction



The boat had run aground and the barge-woman was gesticulating wildly and shouting, Stop, stop, stop



Theres real life for you, bedded in that little cart. The open road, the dusty highway



To the panic stricken weasels the hall seemed full of monstrous animals

Weasel



Heirloom USA



McMillan & Wife



Others



Berkshire
Barge woman



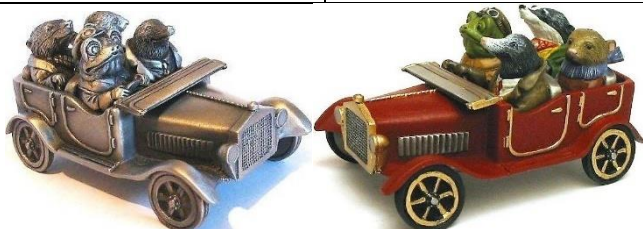
McMillan & Wife
Field mice carolling



Berkshire
Over the bank they went



Berkshire
Take those things off



The Thimble Garden UK
car thimble holder
100th anniversary



The Thimble Guild
set of 12



Birchcroft
book

WINNIE THE POOH A A Milne 1926 (UK)

Pooh

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and Christopher with drum	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends at sunset	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and Piglet hold hands	<u>Birchcroft</u> Good morning
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> I may not be perfect but I'm always me!	<u>Birchcroft</u> How do you spell love You don't spell it you feel it	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh meets Piglet	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends outdoors
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends outdoors	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends	<u>Birchcroft</u> Outdoors What day is it, Pooh asked. Its today, squeaked Piglet. My favourite day, says Pooh	<u>Birchcroft</u> Today I will not stress over things I cannot control
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> with balloons	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Blacktop China</u>
			
<u>Enesco 2004</u> Lets go for a wander enamelled	<u>Fort</u>	<u>Lenox USA 1996</u> honey pot	<u>Lenox USA 1996</u>

			
<u>Lenox USA 1996</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Santa hat	<u>Timothy Burton Burtwell</u> UK 1997 Pooh and Piglet sterling silver
			
<u>Timothy Burton Burtwell</u> UK Pooh with balloon sterling silver	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> Little William	<u>The Thimble Guild 2016</u> commemorating 60 years since Milnes death	<u>The Thimble Guild 2016</u> commemorating 90 years since Pooh created
			
	Pooh and Piglet attend Miss Piggy and Kermit concert	Happy Easter 2016	Pooh's Easter egg
			
Happy New Year 2017	Happy New Year Owl, Pooh Let S hope it a hoot	Winnie-the-Pooh meets the King 2022	Merry Christmas from Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet
			
Pooh and Queen Elizabeth celebrate their 95 th birthday 2021	Pooh with Queen Elizabeth and Prince George on her 90 th birthday 2016		
			

Christopher Robin



Birchcroft
Eeyore



Birchcroft
playing Poohsticks with
Pooh



Birchcroft



McMillan & Wife



The Thimble Guild
Happy Easter 2017



Timothy Burton Burtwell
UK 1997
Christopher and Pooh
sterling silver



Eeyore



Blacktop China



Sterling Classic



Kanga



Birchcroft



Sterling Classic

Owl



Birchcroft 2020



Birchcroft



Blacktop China



Lenox USA 1996



Piglet



Blacktop China



Lenox USA 1996



Sterling Classic



Rabbit



Blacktop China



Sterling Classic



Tigger



Blacktop China



Fort



Lenox USA 1996



Lenox USA 1996
pumpkin



Sterling Classic



Sterling Classic



THE WOMBLES OF WIMBLEDON Elizabeth Beresford 1968 (UK)



Birchcroft



The Thimble Guild 2013
40 years since the Wombles first appeared on TV

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ Frank Baum 1900 (UK)

Dorothy

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> 2014 Dorothy and Lion 75 years	<u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and Toto movie	<u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and the Wicked Witch	<u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and the Wicked Witch
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and the Wicked Witch	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u> Ruby slippers	<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 60 years
			
<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Ruby slippers 60 years	Ruby slippers	Ruby slippers 1990 Taiwan	

Glinda

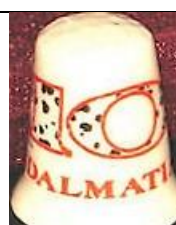
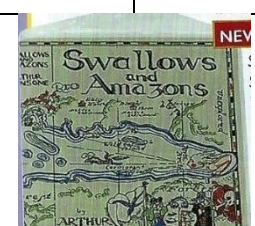
		
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u> The good fairy	<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 60 years

Others

			
<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Almira Glitch 60 years	<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Cowardly Lion 60 years	<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Emerald City 60 years	<u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Flying Monkey 60 years
			
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Hot air balloon 60 years  <u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Tin Man 60 years	Scarecrow 60 years  <u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Toto in basket 60 years	Talking apple tree 60 years  <u>Birchcroft</u> Wicked Witch	Tin Man 60 years  <u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Wicked Witch 60 years
 <u>Birchcroft</u> Wizard of Oz 75 th anniversary 2014	 The Thimble Guild Wizard of Oz 75 th anniversary 2014	 <u>Wedgwood</u> 1989	

OTHER BOOKS CHARACTERS

 101 dalmatians Dodie Smith 1956 (UK)	 The Adventures of Blinky Bill Dorothy Wells 1939 (Australia) handpainted <u>Jan Milton</u>	 Billy Bunter Charles Hamilton 1908 (UK) Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School 65 th anniversary 2017	 The Famous Five Enid Blyton 1942 (UK) <u>Birchcroft</u>
 Flambards K. M. Peyton 1967 (UK)	 Ginger Meggs Jim Bancks 1921 (Australia) handpainted <u>Jan Milton</u>	 Heidi Johanna Spyri 1880 (Switzerland) <u>Reutter</u> 1998 Peter and Heidi	 Little house on the prairie Laura Ingalls Wilder 1935 (US) 150 th anniversary of her birth 2017
 Swallows and amazons Arthur Ransome 1930 (UK) 2017 book		 The tiger who came to tea Judith Kerr 1923 (Germany) 2013	

NURSERY RHYMES

English, mainly from 18th century – tho one dates back over 500 years.

I have seen proverbs on thimbles as described nursery rhymes, which they aren't.

About 50% of nursery rhymes are not featured on thimbles – these seem the most popular, listed here.

As I was going to St Ives I met a man with seven wives (1730)



Baa baa black sheep have you any wool (1744)



Birchcroft



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



McMillan & Wife 1984



Moorland Miniatures



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Sterling Classic



maple wood 2003



2007



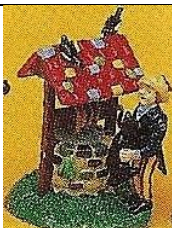
1989

Baby baby Bunting daddys gone a hunting (1784)



Francesca 1984

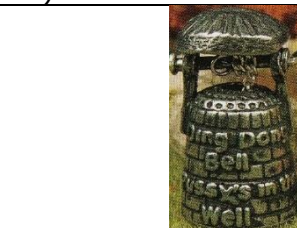
Ding dong bell pussys in the well (1580)



Minnie Maria Co 1998

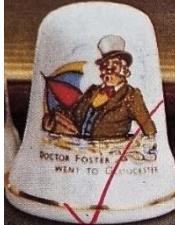
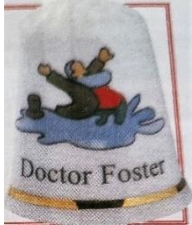


Moorland Miniatures 1990



Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1996

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester (1844)

			
<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1990	
			
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	maple wood 2003	1989	2001

Georgie Porgie pudding and pie (1741)

			
<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>			

Goosey goosey gander whither shall I wander (1784)

			
<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1986	maple wood 2003	

Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle (1765)

			
<u>Boulder Bay</u> USA	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA	<u>Gail Boekel</u> USA handpainted	<u>Ketcham & McDougall</u> USA sterling silver
			
<u>Mark Models</u>	<u>Mark Models</u> 2004 2007		<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984 (L)

				
McMillan & Wife	Minnie Maria Co 1990	Nicholas Gish USA 1983		Pugwash Canada 1994
				
				Simons USA sterling silver
				
Sterling Classic	maple wood 2002	2001		2007
				
Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle 2010	The cow jumped over the moon 2010	The little dog laughed to see such fun 2010		And the dish ran away with the spoon 2010

Hickety Pickety my black hen

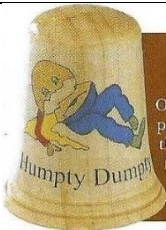
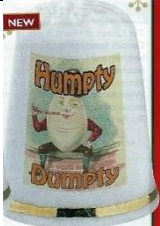

McMillan & Wife 1985

Hickory dickory dock the mouse ran up the clock (1744)

			
<u>Caverswall</u>	<u>Garrard & Co 1998</u> sterling silver	<u>Jacqui and David Parker</u> (Olivia) UK	<u>McMillan & Wife 1984</u>
			
<u>Moorland Miniatures 1994</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures 1991</u>	<u>Vale Wales</u>	<u>Tick tock 2007</u>

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall (1797)

			
<u>Academy Collection 1995</u>	<u>Birchcroft 1994</u>	<u>Cavalier Collectables 2007</u>	<u>James Swann & Son 1992</u> enamelled sterling silver
			
<u>John</u> handpainted Mr and Mrs	<u>Mark Models 1987</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife 1984</u>
			
<u>Minnie Maria Co 1996</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> ... and the Kings men	<u>Nicholas Gish USA</u>	
			
<u>Ray Nimmo UK 2020</u> sterling silver engraving Keith Raes	<u>Rowena Souvenirs 2005</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> Models L: 1996	<u>Sterling Classic</u>

			
Thimble Craft Shirley Hewitt	maple wood 2002		resin
			
2004	2007		gold-painted apex
			
2012	2001	Pincushion Edwaring sterling silver	

Jack and Jill went up the hill (1765)

			
Brad Elfrink USA articulated	Mark Models 1983		McMillan & Wife
			
Minnie Maria Co 1998	Moorland Miniatures 1990	Moorland Miniatures 1997	Sterling Classic
			
maple wood 2002	2001		2007
			
	2012		

Jack be nimble Jack be quick (1815)



Enesco
resin

Jack Sprat could eat no fat (1639)



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



Moorland Miniatures 1990



1989

Ladybird ladybird fly away home (1744)



Mark Models 1997



Moorland Miniatures 2001

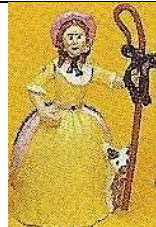
Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep (1805)



Birchcroft



Gwahaniaeth Crafts Wales
2002



Minnie Maria Co 1998



Moorland Miniatures 1995



Moorland Miniatures

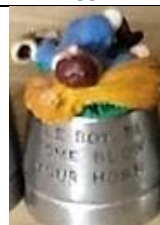


2007



2010

Little boy blue come blow your horn (1744)

			
<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA	<u>Enesco</u> resin	<u>Gwahaniaeth Crafts</u> Wales 2002	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984
			
<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1991	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u>	<u>Vale</u> Wales	
			

Little Jack Horner sat in the corner (1765)

			
<u>Mark Models</u> 1987	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1990	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u>
			
<u>Vale</u> Wales			

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet (1805)



Caverswall



Birchcroft



Enesco
resin



Enesco
resin



Mandy Page UK
polyclay



Mark Models



McMillan & Wife 1984



Moorland Miniatures



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Ray Nimmo UK 2020
sterling silver
engraving Keith Raes



maple wood 2002



2007



2001



1989

Mary had a little lamb



Nicholas Gish USA



Pugwash Canada
1994



Royal Coach UK



Japan
2010



maple wood

Mary, Mary, quite contrary how does your garden grow (1744)

			
Enesco resin	Gwahaniaeth Crafts Wales	James Swann & Son 1992 enamelled sterling silver	McMillan & wife 1984
			
Minnie Maria Co	Moorland Miniatures	Moorland Miniatures	Pugwash Canada 1994
			
Stephen Frost Warwick Models	The Thimble Guild gold-painted apex 2006	Vale Wales	
			
maple wood 2003			
			
gold-painted apex			1988

Old King Cole was a merry old soul and a merry old soul was he (1709)

	
McMillan & Wife 1984	Stephen Frost Warwick Models

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard (1805)



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



McMillan & Wife



Minnie Maria Co 1996



Moorland Miniatures 1991



Thimble Craft Shirley Hewitt



VY
handpainted



gold-painted apex



1998

Pat a cake, pat a cake bakers man (1698)



Moorland Miniatures 1994

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater had a wife and couldn't keep her (1825)



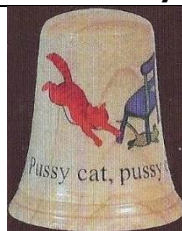
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Polly put the kettle on (1803)



McMillan & Wife 1985

Pussy cat, pussy cat where have you been (1805)



maple wood 2002



2001

The queen of hearts she baked some tarts (1782)



Caverswall

Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross (1784)



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



Minnie Maria Co



gold-painted apex



1998

Ring a ring o roses a pocket full of posies (1840s)



Caverswall



Moorland Miniatures 1994



2001



maple wood 2003



2007



2014

Rock a bye baby in the tree top (1765)



Comstock Creations USA



Moorland Miniatures



Sterling Classic



Hush a bye baby ... 2014

Rub a dub dub three men in a tub (1798)

			
<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u>	<u>James Swann & Son 1992</u> enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan & Wife 1984</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>
			
<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>VY</u> handpainted	gold-painted apex
			

See saw Margery Daw (1765)

			
<u>Carol Ann Miniatures 2016</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	2014
			

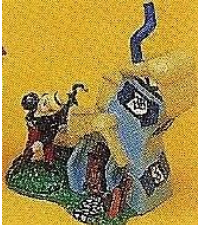
Simple Simon met a pieman (1764)

		
<u>Enesco</u> resin	<u>Ray Nimmo UK 2020</u> sterling silver engraving Keith Raes	2007

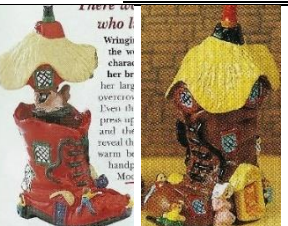
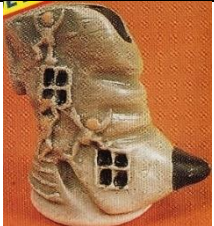
Sing a song of sixpence a pocket full of rye (1744)

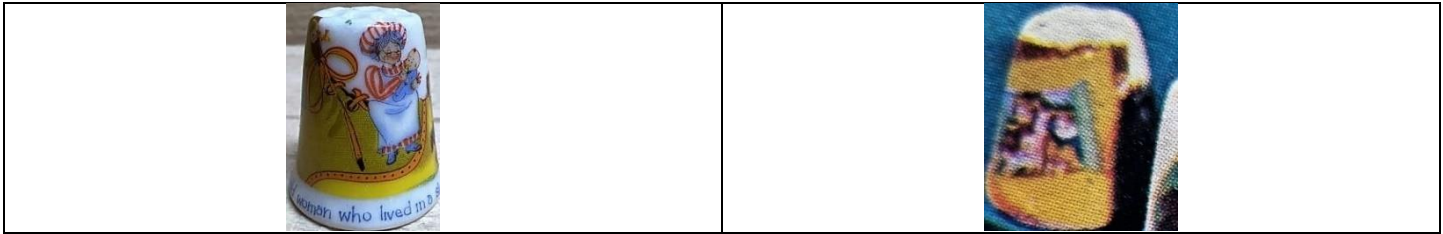
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984 ... four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994	<u>Seagull Pewter</u> Canada 1994
			
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	1989	2007

There was a crooked man and he went a crooked mile (1842)

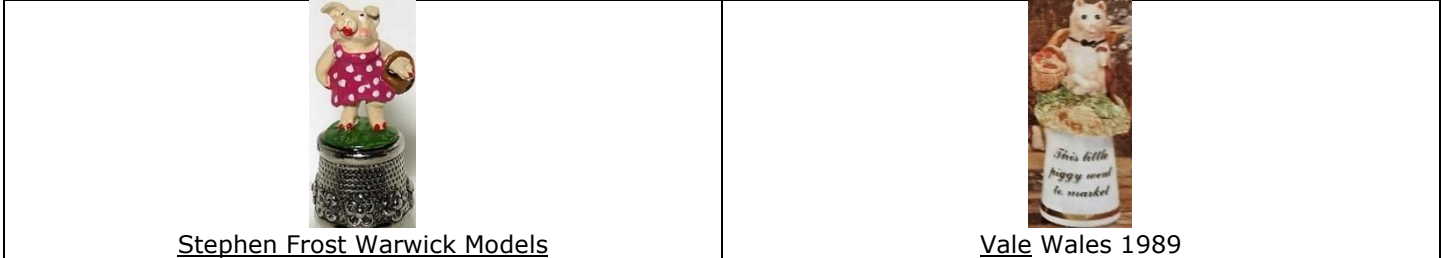
			
<u>mcMillan & Wife</u> 1984	<u>Minnie Maria Co</u> 1998	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe (1784)

			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1983		<u>Minnie Maria Co</u>
			
<u>Nicholas Gish</u> USA		<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	
			
<u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994	<u>Robert Earwicker Cottage China</u> 1993	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA 1985	<u>Sterling Classic</u> 1994



This little piggy went to market (1760)



Three blind mice, three blind mice see how they run (1609)



Three little kittens who lost their mittens (1841)



2012

Tom, Tom, the pipers son stole a pig and away did run (1795)



George Jones & Co UK



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



Sterling Classic



Thimble Craft Shirley Hewitt 1996



McMillan & Wife 1984



gold-painted apex



1988



Wee Willie Winky runs through the town (1841)



McMillan & Wife 1984



Stephen Frost Warwick Models



FABLES AND FAIRY TALES

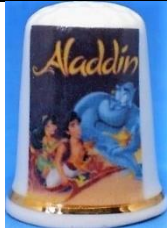
The Owl and the pussycat by Edward Lear was not written for children
Studio Steinböck's set of fairy tales contains 12 thimbles – Franklin Mints contain 25 thimbles. Both have the fairy tale portrayed all around the thimble – space here only allows for one view



Which two fairy tales are depicted on these two Franklin Mint 1982 thimbles?

Aladdin and the wonderful lamp

Middle East



Birchcroft
movie poster



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 2002
I am your genie



Lenox USA



2006



movie

Beauty and the beast

French



Birchcroft



James Swann & Son
sterling silver



Lenox USA
Beast



Lenox USA



Lenox USA



1990



Belle



movie



movie poster



The boy and the heron
 Brothers Grimm
 also known as The heron and the iris



Roger Lenain France 1970
 sterling silver

The boy who cried wolf
 Aesop
 also known as The wolf and the shepherd



Alfred Féau France 1895
 sterling silver



2006

Brer Rabbit
 African-American



Wedgwood 1989

Cinderella
 Perrault



Angela Mamontova Russia
 handpainted



Birchcroft
 movie posters



Franklin Mint USA
 1982



Lenox USA



Lenox USA



Lenox USA
Jac and Gus



Lindner Germany 1987

			
<u>Nicholas Gish</u> USA	<u>Royal Worcester</u> 1982 ballet	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u>	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA
			
<u>S.H.D.</u> USA 1985 Fairy Godmother	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA pumpkin coach		<u>Sterling Classic</u> over Ullmannnglass
			
<u>Sterling Classic</u> Gus	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Jac	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Prince Charming	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Ugly Sisters
			
<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria enamelled	<u>Walt Disney</u> 1988	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1989	1998
			
Cinderella dancing with Prince – Ugly Sisters 2003	pumpkin coach Russian handpainted wood 2009	Fairy godmother 1995 movie	
			
Fairy Godmother	pumpkin coach		Storyland

Dick Whittington and his cat

English



Meg and John Unwin Scotland
wood



Minne Maria Miniatures



Sterling Classic

The dog and its reflection

Aesop



2006

The dog and the sparrow

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

Donkey skin

Perrault

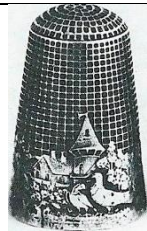


Studio Steinböck Austria 1987
enamelled



Doves

Italian
also known as The two pigeons



Roger Lenain France 1910
sterling silver

The eagle and the fox

Aesop



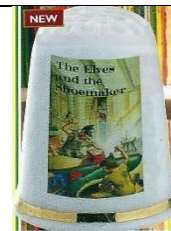
Roger Lenain France 1910 1970
sterling silver

The elves and the shoemaker

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Ladybird book cover 2013

The fisherman and his wife

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The Fitchers bird

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The fox and the crow

Aesop

also known as The crow and the pitcher



Roger Lenain France 1970
sterling silver



2005

The fox and the stork
Aesop
also known as The fox and the crane



Roger Lenain France 1900
sterling silver

The frog prince
Brothers Grimm



Carolyn Cameron Australia
1996
breaddough



D.E 1988



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Lindner Germany 1997



Mandy Page UK
polyclay



S.D.P. 1985



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Studio Steinböck Austria
1987
enamelled



Russian handpainted wood



wood

The gingerbread man
American



Mandy Page UK
polyclay



Ladybird book cover 2013

Goldilocks and the three bears

English



Ann Sullivan UK
handpainted



Brad Elfrink USA



Danbury Mint USA



Enesco
Papa Bear – Mama Bear – Baby Bear – Lucylocks



James Swann & Son 1990
sterling silver



Whimbles by Wade UK



Wedgwood 1989



The goose girl

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA



McMillan & Wife 1984

The goose that laid the golden eggs

Aesop



Franklin Mint USA 1982



McMillan & Wife 1983
three leaf clover on apex



Nicholas Gish USA



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 2001



2005

Hans in luck

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

Hansel and Gretel

Brothers Grimm



Birchcroft



Brad Elfrink USA



Carol Ann Miniatures 2016



Danbury Mint USA



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Lindner



McMillan & Wife



Minnie Maria Miniatures



Stephen Frost Warwick Models



Studio Steinböck Austria
1987
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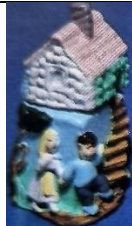
Sutherland 1983
b&w photo



Thorvald Greif Germany
1997
sterling silver



Wedgwood 1989



Russian handpainted wood
2009



1998

Jack and the beanstalk

Aesop



Sterling Classic



Wedgwood 1989

King Thrushbeard

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The lion and the mouse

Aesop



2005

Little Briar Rose

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The little mermaid

Hans Christian Andersen

the statue of the same name in Copenhagen thimbles, are included



Birchcroft
Ariel and book



Birchcroft
Eric and book



Birchcroft
Flounder



Birchcroft
Scuttle



Birchcroft
Sebastian



Birchcroft
Ursula



Felix Morel UK 1991



Lenox USA



Lenox USA



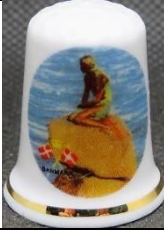
Hurley USA
handpainted



Moorland Pewter 1997



Royal Copenhagen
Den lille havfrue

			
<u>Siegfried Flitsch</u> 1985 <u>Kobenhavn</u>	<u>Sir Francis</u> 1988	<u>Topazio</u> Portugal silverplate	Ariel
			
movie posters	The little mermaid Copenhagen 2003		
			

Little Red Riding Hood Europe

			
<u>Ann Sullivan</u> UK handpainted	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA	<u>Danbury Mint</u> USA
			
<u>Enesco</u> Little Red Riding Hood – Big bad wolf- Grandma - Woodcutter	<u>Enesco</u>	<u>Franklin Mint</u> USA 1982	<u>Justin Levi</u> France 1910s sterling silver
			
<u>Mary Tyler Castings</u> UK stacking	<u>Minnie Maria Miniatures</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Robert Earwicker</u> 1994

			
<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria 1987 enamelled	<u>VY</u> 1988 handpainted	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1989	
			
	1998	2007	
			
Russian handpainted wood 1999	Russian handpainted wood 2011	Russian handpainted wood	handpainted
			
Hull style			

The milkmaid and her pail

Aesop



Roger Lenain France 1970
sterling silver

The monkey and the cat

Fontaine



Rene Lorillon France 1913
sterling silver

The monkey and the magic lantern

Florian



Justin Lenain France 1970 restrike
sterling silver

Mother Holle

Brothers Grimm

also known as Mother Hulde



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Studio Steinböck Austria 1987
enamelled

The peasants wise daughter

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Brothers Grimm



McMillan & Wife



Wedgwood 1989

The princess and the pea

Hans Christian Andersen



Heirloom Editions USA



McMillan & Wife 1987



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Puss in Boots Europe

			
<u>A E Williams</u> UK 2004	<u>Carol Ann Miniatures</u> 2016	<u>Danbury Mint</u> USA	<u>Freiberger</u> Germany
			
<u>James Swann & Sons</u> 1992 sterling silver	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Lindner</u> Germany 1997	<u>Minnie Maria Miniatures</u>
			
<u>Roger Lenain</u> France 1970 sterling silver	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria 1987 enamelled	<u>Whimbles by Wade</u> UK
			
Movie 2011	Russian bronze	Russian handpainted wood 2004	Russian handpainted wood 2009

The queen bee Brothers Grimm


<u>Franklin Mint</u> USA 1982

Rapunzel

Brothers Grimm

			no photo
Franklin Mint USA 1982	Lenox USA 1994	Moorland Miniatures	Lenox USA
			

Rumpelstiltskin

Brothers Grimm

			
Brad Elfrink USA	Franklin Mint USA 1982	Lindner Germany 1997	Studio Steinböck Austria 1987 enamelled
			
	Wedgwood 1989		

Sleeping Beauty

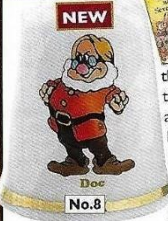
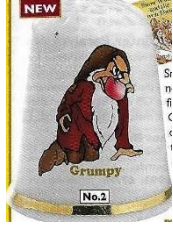
French

			
Birchcroft Fauna	Birchcroft Good Fairy Flora	Birchcroft Maleficent	Birchcroft Merryweather
			
Birchcroft Prince Phillip	Birchcroft Princess Aurora	Birchcroft Sleeping Beauty	Birchcroft movie poster

			
<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 sterling silver	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>
			
<u>Museum Collection</u>	<u>Royal Worcester</u> 1982 ballet	<u>Sterling Classic</u> over Ullmannsglass	<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria 1987 enamelled
			
<u>Sutherland</u> 1983 b&w photo	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1989		Russian handpainted wood 1999

Snow White and the seven dwarfs Brothers Grimm

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Cornish Enamels</u>	<u>Franklin Mint</u> USA 1982	<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 sterling silver
			
<u>Lenox</u> USA with fawn	<u>Lenox</u> USA Dopey Doc	<u>Lenox</u> USA fawn	<u>Lenox</u> USA witch
			
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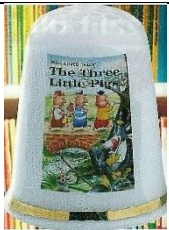
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Schmid	Sterling Classic Bashful	Sterling Classic Doc	Sterling Classic Dopey
		no photo	
Sterling Classic Grumpy	Sterling Classic	Sterling Classic Sleepy	Sterling Classic Sneezy
			
Sterling Classic on Ullmannsglass	Sterling Classic	Sterling Classic	Studio Steinböck Austria 1987 enamelled
			
VY 1988 handpainted	Walt Disney 1988	Wedgwood 1989	Russian handpainted wood 2003
			  
Russian handpainted wood 1999	2009		Bashful
			 
		Doc	
	  	  	
	Dopey	Grumpy	

					
Happy			Sleepy		
					
Sneezy			forest friends		fawn
					
					
1988			80 years since movie produced		

Star money Brothers Grimm

		
Franklin Mint USA 1982	Studio Steinböck Austria 1987 enamelled	

The three little pigs English

			
McMillan & Wife	Wedgwood 1989	2003	Ladybird book cover 2013

Thumbelina
Hans Christian Andersen



Nicholas Gish USA
gilt apex set



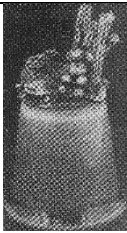
2005

Tom Thumb
English



Roger Lenain France 1970
sterling silver

The tortoise and the hare
Aesop



Nenthorn UK 2006
b&w photo



Roger Lenain France 1970
sterling silver



2005

Town musicians of Bremen
Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Studio Steinböck Austria 1987
enamelled



Thorvald Grief Germany 1988
sterling silver
limited to **500**

Trusty John
Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The ugly duckling
Hans Christian Andersen



2005

The wolf and seven kids
Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The wolf and the lamb
Aesop



Réne Lorillon France 1910

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