

# 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</u> USA Alice and the Caterpillar
			
<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the Dodo	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the Cheshire Cat	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the White Rabbit	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the Mad Hatter
			
<u>Hallmark Cards</u> USA 1995 Alice in Wonderland	<u>Harmer</u>	<u>Heirloom Editions USA</u> handpainted by CC Alice and the Knave of Hearts	<u>Iles &amp; Gomms</u> Alice and the Dodo

	 		
<u>Iles &amp; Gomms</u> Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party	<u>Iles &amp; Gomms</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat Alice in Wonderland	<u>JK</u> Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatter	<u>Lucerne Wulf USA</u> sterling silver
		 	
<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u> Alice and the Mad Hatter	<u>McMillan &amp; 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



 <p><u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1988 (L)</u> Drink me</p>	 <p><u>Sterling Classic 1998</u></p>	 <p><u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat</p>	 <p><u>Sterling Classic 1998</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat</p>
 <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> Alice and the Dodo commemorating 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary the authors death 1998</p>	 <p><u>Walt Disney USA 1988</u></p>	 <p>Alice and the Caterpillar commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2012</p>	 <p>Alice and the Caterpillar commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2012</p>
 <p>Alice and the Cheshire Cat commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2012</p>	 <p>Drink me commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2012</p>	 <p>movie with Mia Wasilkoski as Alice</p>	 <p>Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll first published in 1865 150 years ago</p>
 <p>movie with Mia Wasilkoski as Alice and White Rabbit</p>	 <p>Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary</p>	 <p>Alice and the Queen of Hearts commemorating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary</p>	 <p>Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party</p>
		 <p>Alice and Dodo We beg ypur acceptance of this elegant thimble</p>	
 <p><u>Harmer Carpenter</u></p>		 <p><u>Harmer Caterpillar</u></p>	



## 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



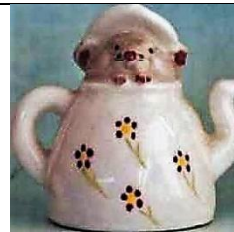
## Dormouse



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 150<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary 2012



## others



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 Grinch resin	A season of Seuss 2007 Sam I am resin
			
Yertle the turtle			



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

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

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

 <p>Royal Grafton 1994 Gumnut Babies</p>	 <p>firehydrant</p>
 <p>Jan Milton handpainted Snugglepot Cuddlepie</p>	

# HARRY POTTER J K Rowling 1997 (UK)



J K Rowling 'When you dream you can do what you like'

<b>Dobby</b>	<u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Hagrid</b>	<b>Hagrid</b>	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets book
<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the deathly hallows book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the goblet of fire book	Harry Potter and the goblet of fire	<u>Birchcroft</u> 2005 Harry Potter and the half-blood prince book
Harry Potter and The goblet of fire	Harry Potter and the order of the phoenix	<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	Harry Potter movie	Harry Potter playing quidditch	



	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Hermione</b>	 <b>Hermione</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Hogwarts</b>
 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Oliver</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Professor Dumbledore</b>	 <b>Professor Dumbledore</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Ron</b>
 <b>Ron</b>			

### THE JUNGLE BOOK Rudyard Kipling 1894 (UK)

 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Bagheera</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Baloo</b>	 <u>Lenox USA</u> <b>Baloo</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Sue</b>
 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Jungle book</b>	 <b>Jungle book</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Kaa</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Little eEphant</b>
 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Monkey</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Mowgli</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Rama</b>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Sheer Khan</b>



Birchcroft  
**The Apes**



Birchcroft  
**The Colonel**



Birchcroft  
**Vultures**



Birchcroft  
**Yogi Bear and Booboo**

### THE KATZENJAMMER KIDS Rudolph Dirks 1897 (USA)



Frika Netherlands  
set of 7



Frika Netherlands  
**Max & Moritz**



Frika Netherlands  
**Vierter Streich**

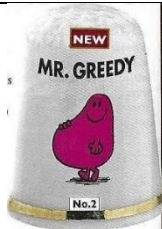


Frika Netherlands  
**Zweiter Streich**

### MR MEN Roger Hargreaves 1971 (UK)



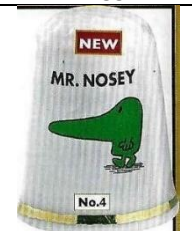
**Mr Men 2016**  
celebrating 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Little Miss



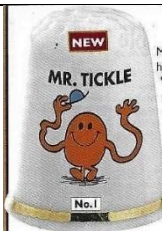
**Mr Greedy 2014**



**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



Birchcroft

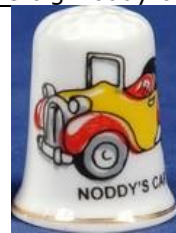
The new Noddy book



Noddy in his car 2004



Noddy in his car and Big Ears



Birchcroft  
Noddys car



Birchcroft  
**Rusty**



Birchcroft  
**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>Woodsetton</u> UK 1989 peep
			
65 <sup>th</sup> anniversary 2018			movie poster

### Captain Hook

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



## Crocodile



Birchcroft



Colin Tyler UK  
stacking thimble



The Thimble Guild 2005  
100 year anniversary



Birchcroft  
**John**



The Thimble Guild 2005  
**John**  
100 year anniversary



**John**



Birchcroft  
**Jolly Roger**



Birchcroft  
**Michael**



**Michael**



Birchcroft  
**Nana**



Colin Tyler UK  
**Smee**  
stacking thimble



Birchcroft  
**Tiger Lily**

## Tinkerbell



Birchcroft



Colin Tyler UK  
stacking thimble



Sterling Classic



The Thimble Guild 2005  
100 year anniversary



Walt Disney 1988







Secret wings

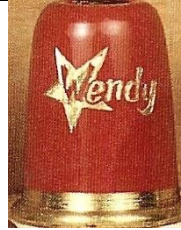
### Wendy



Birchcroft



The Thimble Guild 2005  
100 year anniversary



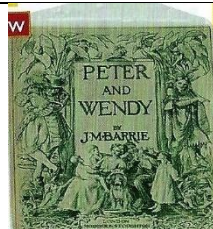
Woodsetton UK 1989  
peep



### Others



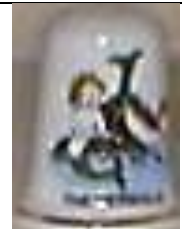
Birchcroft  
Peter Pan and Never Land  
book



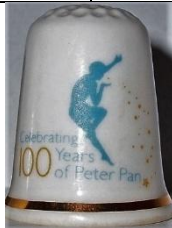
Birchcroft  
Peter and Wendy by J.M.  
Barrie book



Birchcroft



Birchcroft



The Thimble Guild 2005  
Celebrating 100 years of Peter Pan Charity No 235825



The Thimble Guild  
J.M. Barries Peter Pan 100 years

### PINOCCHIO Carlo Collodi 1883 (Italy) Pinocchio



Ann Sullivan UK  
handpainted



Birchcroft



McMillan & Wife



Q2 USA  
handpainted wood



Italy  
resin





### Jiminy Cricket



Sterling Classic



Walt Disney 1988



### RAGGEDY ANN - ANDY Johnny Gruelle 1915 (US)



Comstock Creations USA  
Andy



Janet Pitts USA  
Andy



Radnor  
Andy



Birchcroft  
Ann and Andy



Calico Cuties USA  
handpainted



Comstock Creations USA  
Ann



Janet Pitts USA  
Ann



Moorland Miniatures 1996  
Ann



Radnor UK  
Ann



Ann 1990  
handpainted



wood



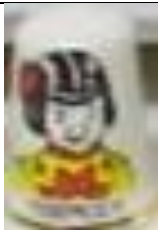



# RUPERT BEAR Herbert Tourtel 1920 (UK)

## 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> <b>Algy</b>	<u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Bill</b>	<u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Edward</b>	<u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Podgy</b>



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

### 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 <sup>st</sup> May 1928	papier maché Philippines	handpainted wood 1997 Philippines R: 2002 100 years	



 <p><u>Sutherland</u> <b>Amiable Guinea Pig</b> Appley Dapplys nursery rhymes</p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u> <b>Anna Maria</b> The tale of Samuel Whiskers</p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u> <b>Applely Dapply</b> Appley Dapplys nursery rhymes</p>
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### Benjamin Bunny – The tale of Benjamin Bunny

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

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

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



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

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


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

		
<b>Mr Pricklepin</b> 2014 Applely Dapplys nursery rhymes	<u>Sutherland</u> <b>Mr Tod</b>	<u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Mrs Rabbit</b>
		
<b>Mrs Rabbit</b> 2015	<u>Birchcroft</u> <b>Mrs Tabitha Twitchit</b>	<u>Sutherland</u> <b>Mrs Tabitha Twitchit</b> 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
Birchcroft	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 <b>Old Mr Benjamin Bunny</b>	Sutherland <b>Old Mr Benjamin Bunny</b> The tale of Benjamin Bunny	Sutherland <b>Older Mr Benjamin Bunny</b> 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



Birchcroft  
Pigling Bland and  
Alexander



Lenox USA 1996



Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2014



silver-plated pewter 2003



Sutherland  
**Pig Wig**  
The tale of Pigling Bland



Birchcroft  
**Ripley**

### Ribby - The tale of the pie and the patty pan



Birchcroft  
Cousin Tibby



Lenox USA 1996







Sutherland

no photo

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> <b>Simpkin the cat</b>	<u>Sutherland</u> <b>Simpkin the cat</b> The Tailor of Gloucester	<u>Sutherland</u> <b>Sir Isaac Newton</b> 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> <b>Susan</b> The tale of Little Pig Robinson



## The Tailor of Gloucester - The Tailor of Gloucester



Crummles UK 1985  
enamelled



Lindner Germany 2001



Stephen Frost Warwick  
Models



Wedgwood 1983



gold-plated Korea 1993  
limited to **200**



gold painted apex



gold-plated pewter 2003



Peter Rabbit and friends  
100 years 1994



beads over wood

## Timmy Tiptoes – The tale of Timmy Tiptoes



Birchcroft



Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2015

## Timmy Willie – The tale of Johnny Town Mouse



Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2015

### Tom Kitten – The tale of Tom Kitten

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 Tom Kitten and his sisters
			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death 2014	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death
			
1994	silver-plated pewter 2003		

### Tom Thumb – The tale of Two Bad Mice


<u>Birchcroft</u>

### Tommy Brock The tale of Mr Tod

		
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>250</b>	<u>Heirloom</u> USA
			
<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u> riverbank	<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert</u> 1987	<u>St Justin Cornwall</u> nesting
			
<u>The Thimble Garden</u> UK 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary		On a small brass plate, neatly engraved, they could read by the light of the moonlight 1999	

**Mole**

			
<u>Berkshire</u> picnic	<u>Berkshire</u> search for Portly	<u>Carol Ann Miniatures</u> picnic	<u>Caverswall</u> 1983 limited to <b>250</b>
			
<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u> picnic	<u>Royal Albert</u> 1987	<u>The Thimble Garden</u> UK 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	Mole gasped, "Oh my Oh my:!" at each revelation 1999

## Ratty

			
<u>Berkshire picnic</u>	<u>Caverswall 1983 limited to 250</u>	<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert 1987</u>
			
<u>The Thimble Garden UK 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary</u>	<u>Thimbles n Things UK</u>	There is absolutely nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats 1999	Very well sang boy, cried the rat heartily. And now come along in and warm yourself 1999

## 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 &amp; Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert 1987</u>	<u>The Thimble Garden UK 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary</u>	Toad with a quaking heart, but as firm a footstep as he could command, Toad set fort cautiously 1999
			
I wonder, Toad said to himself presently, I wonder if this sort of car starts easily 1999	Oh sir, said Toad crying afresh, I am a poor washerwoman and I've lost all my money 1999	Prisoner. Pull yourself together. It's going to be twenty years for you this time 1999	Shout hooray For its a Toads great day. He sang very load with great unction 1999





The boat had run aground and the barge-woman was gesticulating wildly and shouting, Stop, stop, stop 1999



Theres real life for you, bedded in that little cart. The open road, the dusty highway 1999



To the panic stricken weasels the hall seemed full of monstrous animals 1999

### 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**



Berkshire  
mice singing carols



The Thimble Garden UK  
car **thimble holder**  
100<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Birchcroft  
book



The Thimble Guild  
set of 12



# 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 Im 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</u> 2004 Lets go for a wander enamelled	<u>Fort</u>	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 honey pot	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996





			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<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</u> 2016 commemorating 60 years since Milnes death	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2016 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 <sup>th</sup> birthday 2021	Pooh with Queen Elizabeth and Prince George on her 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday 2016		
			
Christmas 2020			





## Christopher Robin

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Eeyore	<u>Birchcroft</u> playing Poohsticks with Pooh	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u>
			
<u>The Thimble Guild</u> Happy Easter 2017	<u>Timothy Burton Burtwell</u> UK 1997 Christopher and Pooh sterling silver		

## Eeyore

			
<u>Blacktop China</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>		

## Kanga

	
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>

## Owl

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> 2020	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Blacktop China</u>	<u>Lenox</u> 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

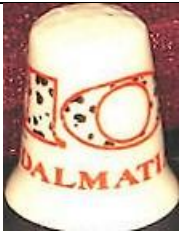
 <u>Birchcroft</u>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> The good fairy	 <u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 60 years
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## Others

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



## OTHER BOOKS CHARACTERS



**101 dalmations**  
Dodie Smith 1956 (UK)



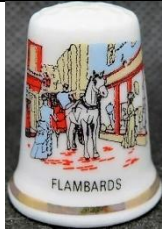
**The Adventures of Blinky Bill**  
Dorothy Wells 1939  
(Australia)  
handpainted Jan Milton



**Billy Bunter**  
Charles Hamilton 1908  
(UK)  
Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School  
65<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2017



**The Famous Five**  
Enid Blyton 1942 (UK)  
Birchcroft



**Flambards**  
K. M. Peyton 1967 (UK)



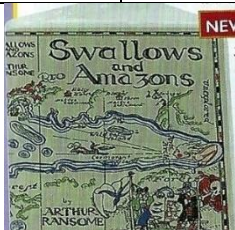
**Ginger Meggs**  
Jim Bancks 1921  
(Australia)  
handpainted Jan Milton



**Heidi**  
Johanna Spyri 1880  
(Switzerland)  
Reutter 1998  
Peter and Heidi



**Little house on the prairie**  
Laura Ingalls Wilder 1935  
(US)  
150<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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



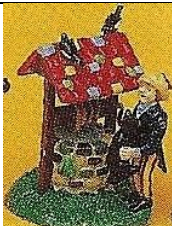
1989

### 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 &amp; Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan &amp; 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 &amp; Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan &amp; 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 &amp; McDougall</u> USA sterling silver
			
<u>Mark Models</u>	<u>Mark Models</u> 2004 2007		<u>McMillan &amp; 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 &amp; Co 1998</u> sterling silver	<u>Jacqui and David Parker</u> (Olivia) UK	<u>McMillan &amp; 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 &amp; Son 1992</u> enamelled sterling silver
<u>John</u> handpainted Mr and Mrs	<u>Mark Models 1987</u>	<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u>	<u>McMillan &amp; Wife 1984</u>
<u>Minnie Maria Co 1996</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures ... and the Kings men</u>	<u>Nicholas Gish USA</u>	<u>Robert Earwicker Cottage China</u>
<u>Ray Nimmo UK 2020</u> sterling silver engraved Keith Raes	<u>Rowena Souvenirs 2005</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models L: 1996</u>	<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)

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



### Jack be nimble Jack be quick (1815)



Enesco  
resin



pewter

### 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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

			
<u>Nicholas Gish</u> USA	<u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994	<u>Royal Coach</u> UK	<u>Viges</u>
			
Japan 2010	maple wood		

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

			
<u>Enesco</u> resin	<u>Gwahaniaeth Crafts</u> Wales	<u>James Swann &amp; Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan &amp; wife</u> 1984
			
<u>Minnie Maria Co</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Pugwash Canada</u> 1994
			
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> gold-painted apex 2006	<u>Vale</u> 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)



Caverswall 1992



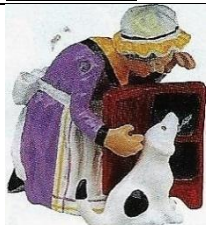
Finsbury 1998



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

### 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)



2012

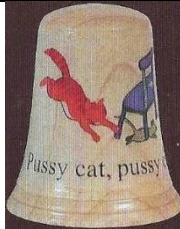


### Polly put the kettle on (1803)



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)

			
<u>Comstock Creations USA</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	Hush a bye baby ... 2014

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

			
<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u>	<u>James Swann &amp; Son 1992</u> enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan &amp; 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)

 <p><u>Enesco</u> resin</p>	 <p><u>Ray Nimmo</u> UK 2020 sterling silver engraving Keith Raes</p>	 <p>2007</p>
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### Sing a song of sixpence a pocket full of rye (1744)

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

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

 <p><u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u> 1984</p>	 <p><u>Minnie Maria Co</u> 1998</p>	 <p><u>Moorland Miniatures</u></p>	 <p><u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u></p>
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### There was an old woman who lived in a shoe (1784)

 <p><u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u></p>	 <p><u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u> 1983</p>	 <p><u>Minnie Maria Co</u></p>
 <p><u>Nicholas Gish</u> USA</p>	 <p><u>Moorland Miniatures</u></p>	 <p><u>Moorland Miniatures</u></p>



			
<u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994	<u>Robert Earwicker Cottage</u> China 1993	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA 1985	<u>Sterling Classic</u> 1994
			

### This little piggy went to market (1760)

	
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>Vale</u> Wales 1989

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

		
<u>Caverswall</u>	<u>Halcyon Days</u> UK	<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u>
		
<u>Minnie Maria Co</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1997	<u>Ray Nimmo</u> UK 2020 sterling silver engraving Keith Raes
		
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>		1609-2009 400 year anniversary
		
maple wood 2002	2001	2012



### 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



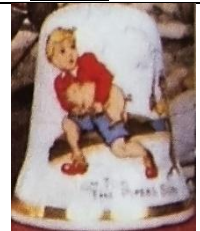
McMillan & Wife 1984



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

### Aladdin and the wonderful lamp

Middle East

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> movie poster	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u> 2002 I am your genie	<u>Lenox</u> USA	2006
			
movie			

### Beauty and the beast

French

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>James Swann &amp; Son</u> sterling silver	<u>Lenox</u> USA Beast	<u>Lenox</u> USA
			
<u>Lenox</u> 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 <b>Fairy Godmother</b>	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA pumpkin coach		<u>Sterling Classic</u> over Ullmannsglass
			
<u>Sterling Classic</u> <b>Gus</b>	<u>Sterling Classic</u> <b>Jac</b>	<u>Sterling Classic</u> <b>Prince Charming</b>	<u>Sterling Classic</u> <b>Ugly Sisters</b>
			
<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	
			
<b>Fairy Godmother</b>	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



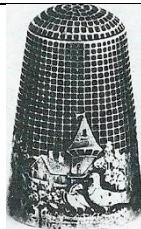
Studio Steinböck Austria 1987  
enamelled



## Doves

Italian

also known as The two pigeons



Roger Lenain France 1910  
sterling silver

### The eagle and the fox

Aesop



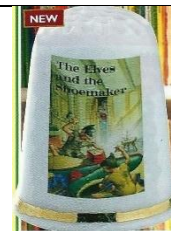
Roger Lenain France 1910 1970  
sterling silver

### 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



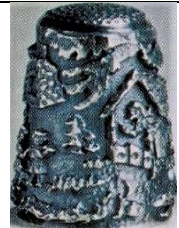
Stephen Frost Warwick Models



Studio Steinböck Austria  
1987  
enamelled



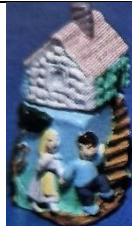
Sutherland 1983  
b&w photo



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

			
<u>Lenox USA</u>	<u>Hurley USA</u> handpainted	<u>Moorland Pewter 1997</u>	<u>Royal Copenhagen</u> Den lille harfrue
			
<u>Siegfried Flitsch 1985</u> <u>Kobenhavn</u>	<u>Sir Francis 1988</u>	<u>Topazio Portugal</u> silverplate	Ariel
			
movie posters	The little mermaid Copenhagen 2003		
			

### Little Red Riding Hood Europe

			
<u>Ann Sullivan UK</u> handpainted	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u>	<u>Danbury Mint USA</u>
			
<u>Enesco</u> Little Red Riding Hood – Big bad wolf- Grandma - Woodcutter	<u>Enesco</u>	<u>Franklin Mint USA 1982</u>	<u>Justin Levi France</u> 1910s sterling silver



			
<u>Mary Tyler Castings</u> UK stacking	<u>Minnie Maria Miniatures</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Robert Earwicker Cottage</u> China 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


<u>Roger Lenain</u> 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 peasant's 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 &amp; 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























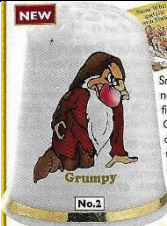


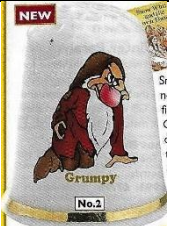
			
<u>James Swann &amp; Son</u> 1992 sterling silver	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>McMillan &amp; Wife</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>
			
<u>Museum Collection</u>	<u>Royal Worcester</u> 1982 ballet	<u>Sterling Classic</u> over Ullmannsglass	<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria 1987 enamelled
			
<u>Sutherland</u> 1983 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 &amp; 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
			
<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Reutter</u>	<u>Reutter</u>



	no photo		
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 Ullmann glass	Sterling Classic	Sterling Classic	Studio Steinböck Austria 1987 enameled
			
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



René Lorillon France 1910

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