

Thimble Collectors Club Thimbles

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Blue Flower Thimble

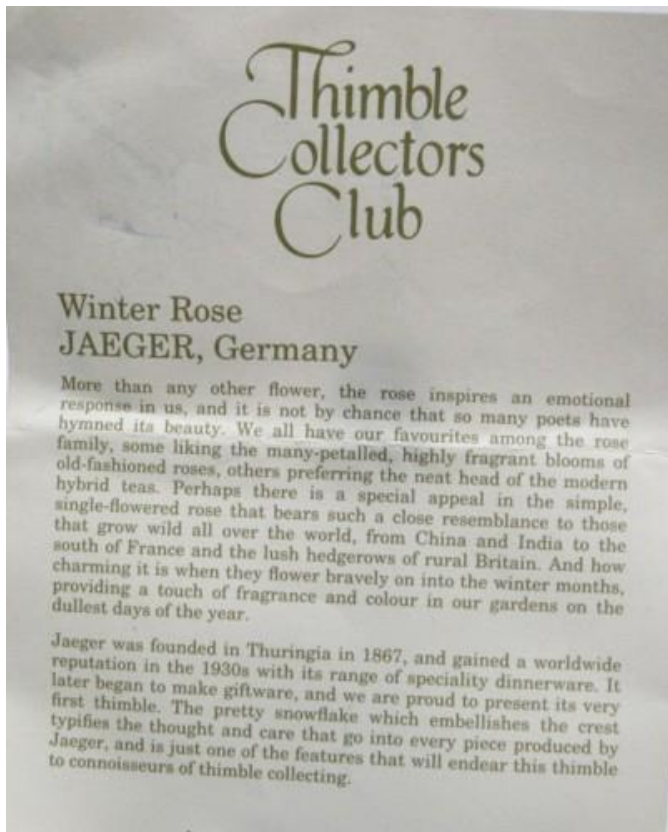


JAEGER PORZELLAN - Germany

A stylized floral motif rendered in blue and white, encircles the sides and top of this charming thimble from Jaeger Porzellan.

Located in the northern Bavarian town of Marktredwitz, Jaeger Porzellan was founded in 1897, just a few decades after this region of Germany had begun to develop as a porcelain-making center. The expert artisanship and fine, hard white porcelain which distinguish the finest Bavarian pieces are beautifully exemplified in this Jaeger thimble.

With its white porcelain strikingly accented by the unusual cobalt blue of its decoration, the Jaeger - Blue Flower thimble is sure to become a treasured addition to your collection. It is available exclusively to members of the Thimble Collectors Club.



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Winter Rose JAEGER, Germany

More than any other flower, the rose inspires an emotional response in us, and it is not by chance that so many poets have hymned its beauty. We all have our favourites among the rose family, some liking the many-petalled, highly fragrant blooms of old-fashioned roses, others preferring the neat head of the modern hybrid teas. Perhaps there is a special appeal in the simple, single-flowered rose that bears such a close resemblance to those that grow wild all over the world, from China and India to the south of France and the lush hedgerows of rural Britain. And how charming it is when they flower bravely on into the winter months, providing a touch of fragrance and colour in our gardens on the duller days of the year.

Jaeger was founded in Thuringia in 1867, and gained a worldwide reputation in the 1930s with its range of speciality dinnerware. It later began to make giftware, and we are proud to present its very first thimble. The pretty snowflake which embellishes the crest typifies the thought and care that go into every piece produced by Jaeger, and is just one of the features that will endear this thimble to connoisseurs of thimble collecting.

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Flower Thimble



JAEGER PORZELLAN - West Germany

Winter melts into spring in this lovely and unusual thimble from the house of Jaeger. Two historically popular modes of porcelain decoration lend special interest to the design, which features an exquisite snowflake in molded relief on the thimble tip and a delicately painted wild rose motif.

Flowers painted in naturalistic style have been identified with German porcelain since 1720, when Johann C. Herold became the director of the renowned factory at Meissen. Recognized as one of the master porcelain painters of his time, Herold's popularization of the use of native flowers marked the departure of Europe's fledgling porcelain-makers from mere imitation of Chinese and Japanese decorative patterns.

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Cheetah

JOHN AND RICHARD RILEY, England

Streaking powerfully across the savannah in pursuit of its prey, the cheetah is one of the most graceful animals in the world. It is also the fastest mammal, for it can reach a speed of 70 miles per hour, though it cannot maintain this for more than a minute or two. This beautiful wild cat lives mainly in the broad open spaces of Africa and south-west Asia. Strangely enough, it is easily tamed, and our charming thimble shows a cheetah at rest, snoozing as peacefully in the sun as any of its domestic pussy-cat cousins.

John and Richard Riley established their pottery in Burslem, Staffordshire, in the heart of England's Pottery country, in about 1802. They made earthenware at first, and later branched out into bone china.