

Thimble Collectors Club Thimbles

Zapf Porzellan <--> Zehendner

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Ocean Racers ZAPF, West Germany

On a bright summer day, when the breeze whips up choppy waves and puffy clouds race across the sky, there is no finer sight than the start of a yacht race. Hundreds of gaudy sails weave a bright banner strung out along the water, while on shore, all those who helped to paint and fit and polish, all those who have loved ones in the crews, and all those who simply wish they were going too, crowd the quayside to bid a final farewell. At the bang of the starting gun, the valiant craft stream out to the open sea – and you may be sure that many of the spectators will linger to watch their going until they are no more than a brightly coloured row of dots along the horizon.

Artist Tony Gibbons is a specialist in naval history whose love of boats informs his finely detailed portrayals of marine subjects. Here his painting has been exquisitely translated to porcelain by Zapf, a small, family-owned porcelain house in northern Bavaria. Zapf is most famous for its quality gift items, which are hand-made and individually decorated by a select staff of highly skilled craftsmen and are sought-after by collectors worldwide.

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Sea Sunset Thimble



ZAPF PORZELLAN - West Germany

Delicately painted in pastel hues of peach, marine blue and sky blue, this beautiful thimble from Zapf Porzellan evokes the tranquility of a sunset at sea.

This outstanding German firm, founded by Robert Zapf, is one of a number of small, family-owned porcelain houses located in northern Bavaria. An important porcelain center for well over a century, this region has provided the Zapf family with a select staff of highly skilled craftsmen, designers and porcelain painters. Zapf specializes in the production of exquisite gift items, almost all of which are individually hand-made and decorated.

The "Sea Sunset" thimble, available exclusively from The Thimble Collectors Club, features the excellent white Bavarian porcelain and extraordinary decorative artistry which have earned Zapf Porzellan the recognition and respect of knowledgeable collectors around the world.

Thimble Collectors Club "Songbird" Thimble



ZAPF PORZELLAN - Germany

Wafting delicately along an early autumn's breeze, a tiny songbird glides across the face of this brilliantly crafted thimble from Zapf Porzellan.

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Cascade Thimble



ZEHENDER - Germany

Elegant panels in subtle shades of blue, accented with luxurious gold, flow gracefully down the sculpted sides of this beautiful and unusual thimble, the first ever from Zehender of Germany.

A relative newcomer to the porcelain trade, the family-owned Zehender porcelain factory is nestled in the scenic town of Tirschenreuth in Franconia, Germany, near the Czechoslovakian border. There, a small staff of skilled artisans produces a distinctive line of tableware and gift items in extraordinary shapes and styles. The remarkable wares of Zehender's talented craftsmen are quickly gaining recognition in collector's circles worldwide.

This thimble, with its elegantly molded bodice of cascading white porcelain, colorful motif, and striking gold accents, is a perfect addition to any thimble collection. The Zehender "Cascade" thimble is available exclusively from the Thimble Collectors Club.

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Petticoat ZEHENDNER, Germany

Time was when a member of the gentler sex could express indignation simply with a stamp of her heel and a flounce of her petticoats. A note of shy flirtation could be allowed with a glimpse of an ankle beneath the hem of a skirt. What images the very word 'petticoat' conjures up! The rustle of starched fabric underneath the bombazine skirts of a dignified and imposing matron; the elaborately wired and constructed silks of a court lady; the fresh linen, frills and ribbons of young womanhood; the black stockings and simple white petticoat of a Victorian girl. It's certain that none of today's fashions have quite the same feminine charm as the petticoat, once an indispensable part of every woman's attire.

This charming thimble is from Zehendner, a porcelain house located in Tirschenreuth, and overlooked by this scenic town's famous castle. This is their first thimble for the Thimble Collectors Club, and its fascinating design is bound to find favour with Club Members everywhere.