

Thimble Collectors Club Thimbles

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Egrets

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The Egret is a small cousin of the Herons and the Bitterns, and while it prefers southern Europe it occasionally visits Britain. Snow-white in colour, it is a graceful long-legged bird with long arching plumes on its crown, chest and back. They love shallow water and often nest in large colonies in secluded marshes and river deltas. Our Egrets are seen relaxing in a tranquil river setting, surrounded with bushes to hide and support their nests.

This delightful study is the creation of Robert Morton, a self-taught artist who was born in Delhi. Robert obtained a degree in Biological Science at Cambridge University which he finds most beneficial when painting wildlife subjects. He has illustrated numerous nature books and his fine art paintings are sold through several galleries.

Founded in 1979, Porcelanas Da Quinta Nova has quickly established a deserved reputation for its high quality porcelain and now employs over 400 people. Within its modern factory, Quinta Nova has created a small specialised studio for the manufacture of exclusive hand-made porcelain pieces of the very highest quality, and it is this small studio which has painstakingly crafted the thimbles bearing Robert Morton's sensitively observed portrait of the handsome Egret.

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Hibiscus

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The bright, funnel-shaped blooms of the hibiscus never fail to evoke the warmth of the tropics, where sunny verandahs tumble with colourful petals, brown-skinned maidens wear the flowers in their raven hair and the dainty humming bird, wings a-whirr, sups the nectar with its long bill. It is surprising, then, that some species will grow happily in our cool and cloudy northern climate, bringing a riot of showy blossoms to our English flowerbeds.

This delicate thimble is brought to you by Quinta Nova, a company which was established as recently as 1979 yet has already built up a fine reputation and a workforce of 400 people. Quinta Nova is most renowned for its high quality dinnerware of over 20 different shapes and 150 stock decorations, for which its modern factory is equipped with the latest technology. Within the factory, however, a small studio has been set up for the manufacture of exclusive handmade items by skilled craftsmen, and it is from this studio that our exquisitely formed and decorated thimble has come. The thimble bears the mark NG, the initial letters of the surnames of the two managing partners who created this notable studio.