

Thimble Collectors Club Thimbles

Yachiyo <--> Yr Felin Wynt Pottery

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Kohshi Flower YACHIYO, Japan

The peony is held in the very highest esteem in Japan, land of the most peaceful and harmonious of gardens. Indeed, it is considered to be Japan's principal flower, and when we see it in all its fiery orange, deep red or delicate pink splendour, magnificently dominating a traditional garden border, this is all too easy to understand. Many of the peonies that give us such pleasure today were developed from those that grew freely in oriental gardens.

The elegant shape of this remarkably handsome six-sided thimble reflects the perfect symmetry of the pagoda roofs of Japan. Its rich and ornate panel decoration, or Kohshi, comes from a sixteenth-century Imari plate design and, in keeping with tradition on Japanese ceramic ware, the much loved peony is depicted with a bird hovering above it.

The thimble has been crafted for you by Yachiyo Pottery, situated in a beautiful location within the foothills and valleys surrounding the Japanese town of Seto in the province of Aichi. This is the oldest pottery district in Japan and the name, Seto, is now synonymous with all quality Japanese ceramic ware.

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Hexagon Thimble



YACHIYO POTTERY - Japan

The unique six-sided shape of this porcelain thimble from Yachiyo Pottery lends itself perfectly to an alternating panel design based on a 16th-century plate. The pattern features stylized design and delicately rendered birds and peonies, a highly revered flower in the Japanese culture.

Isamu Takeda found Yachiyo Pottery in 1952, in the foothills of Seto, Japan's oldest pottery-making center. Here, potters have tended their kilns since ancient times — in the beginning making crude stoneware, but by the start of the 19th century, turning out elaborate porcelain for export. At the Yachiyo Pottery, eighteen skilled craftsmen reproduce many of the lavish patterns used to decorate "Imari ware," the Western-style dishes and dinnerware shipped to Europe from the port at Imari.

With its dazzling white porcelain and historic decorative design, this Yachiyo Pottery thimble will be a fascinating addition to any collection. The "Hexagon Thimble" is exclusively available from The Thimble Collectors Club.

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Mount Fuji YAMASAN, Japan

All the glory of Japan's most famous landmark is shown in this colourful thimble. The snow-capped summit of Fujiyama, the holy mountain, towers majestically above its surroundings, commanding the love and worship of millions of Japanese. On its slopes the most exquisite wild flowers grow in abundance, and many-storied temples decorate the foothills with their graceful presence. Shrine of Japan's dearest gods, Mount Fuji is traditionally viewed as the panacea for all ills, from bankruptcy and disease to unrequited love and misfortune at the gaming tables, and time was when thousands of men made an annual pilgrimage there.

This striking thimble has been made for the Thimble Collectors Club by the highly respected Japanese house of Yamasan, situated on Honshu Island — home of porcelain production since ancient times, when fine porcelain wares were made here for the Imperial family and its court. The company's name is made up from two Japanese words; *yama*, meaning mountain, and *san*, meaning three. The Yamasan mark, shown inside the thimble, is three stylized mountains, which represent the three mountains amidst which the house of Yamasan nestles.

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Mount Fuji Thimble



YAMASAN PORCELAIN — JAPAN

Noted for its fine white porcelain, decorated in traditional style, Yamasan has made a beautiful thimble which portrays a panoramic view of breathtaking Mount Fuji against the deep pink sky of a summer twilight. Distances depicted in three-dimensional perspective and pure colors are characteristic of landscape painting in its classic Japanese form.

The snow-covered, cone-shaped peak of 'Fujiyama' — Japan's highest mountain — is a most appropriate subject for this thimble from the house of Yamasan. Towering 12,383 feet over the main island of Honshu, Mount Fuji is sacred to the Japanese people; its awe-inspiring majesty has made it a favorite subject of poets and artists for centuries.

Mountains hold great symbolic meaning in Japan, and Yamasan takes both its name, which means "three mountains," and its hallmark from the mountains among which its factory is nestled, not far from the city of Nagoya. Here, in one of Japan's important porcelain-making centers, three generations of the Ito family have produced exemplary white porcelain, following ancient traditions of artistry and craftsmanship.

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Tranquility Thimble



YAMASAN PORCELAIN - Japan

Awakening plum blossoms set against a mountainside when pristine waters gently cascade down the slope. . . the artist Miy Sonomo has taken the breathtaking mountain scenery of southern Japan as her inspiration for this serene and harmonious thimble from Yamasan Porcelain.

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The pair of blue screens on the back of the thimble represent traditional pine wood screens used in Japanese mountain resorts to block commercial views. The screens are actually constructed in a seemingly disorganized way to better blend in with their surroundings. The "Tranquility" thimble, with its peaceful scenery and two gold bands, is a priceless addition to any collection and is available exclusively from the Thimble Collectors Club.

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Orchid Thimble



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YAMASE - Japan

A delicately rendered orchid in full blossom adorns this exquisitely crafted thimble brought to us by the Japanese firm, Yamase.

One of a conglomeration of three highly-respected porcelain houses, Yamase factory is located in the heart of the Japanese porcelain producing region of Seto, in Aichi Province. Established in 1946, Yamase has received many awards for quality and design including: the Design Excellence Award in 1986, the Award for Outstanding Quality in 1988 and an award bestowed by the Governor of Aichi Province "For Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Japanese Ceramic Industry" in 1989.

Enhanced by accents of 22kt gold, the "Orchid" thimble proudly displays the attention to detail and level of craftsmanship which goes into every Yamase product. This thimble was part of a limited run and is available exclusively to members of the Thimble Collectors Club.

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Bouquet of Roses Thimble

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CRAFTED

IN JAPAN

KYOUEI - Japan

A lovely bouquet of roses, freshly picked just this day, provide the decorative motif on this thimble crafted by the skilled artisans of Kyouei firm, located in Japan.

Established in 1946 as one of a conglomeration of three porcelain houses located in the Seto region of Aichi Province, Kyouei has long been widely acclaimed by Japanese porcelain collectors. The high quality porcelain used by the factory serves to accentuate the beauty of the various designs which come from Kyouei's talented group of in-house artists. "Bouquet of Roses," hand-painted by Mr. H. Hayakashi, is a fine example of the detail and grace which typifies a Kyouei product.

The "Bouquet of Roses" thimble, a marvelous piece of fine Japanese craftsmanship, makes a wonderful addition to your collection and is available exclusively from the Thimble Collectors Club.

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The Hermosa Rose Thimble

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YAMASE KYOUEI SHOTEN - Japan

The delicate Hermosa Rose from southeast China blooms abundantly in clusters of pink double flowers from 1 to 3 inches across, filling the air with their moderate banana-like fragrance. Introduced to Europe in 1840, they are ideal for borders as they rarely grow to more than 3 feet in height, except in hybrid varieties. This exceptional rose graces the fine porcelain thimble from one of Japan's most prestigious houses.

Yamase Kyouei Shoten, established in 1946, is located in the heart of the Japanese porcelain producing region of Seto, in Aichi province. They have received many awards recognizing both the quality and design including: the Design Excellence Award in 1986, the Award for Outstanding Quality in 1988, and an award bestowed by the Governor of Aichi Province recognizing them "For Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Japanese Ceramic Industry" in 1989.

The elegant beauty of the Hermosa Rose is further enhanced by a band of gleaming 22kt gold on the thimble available exclusively to members of the Thimble Collectors Club.



Nile Dream

YR FELIN WYNT POTTERY, Wales

An Egyptian fantasy is shown on this unusual thimble. The little *feluccas* – boats used on the Nile for fishing and transport – have remained virtually unchanged for thousands of years, and are an echo of the Arab *dhow* boats. They are shown here sailing merrily along against a backdrop of three great pyramids, tombs of ancient kings, which show how completely the Egyptians, over four thousand years ago, had mastered the craft of monumental building in stone. At the side of the river scene is shown an *ankh* – the hieroglyphic symbol of life. An *ankh* might be found inscribed in a tomb, or copied in gold, bronze or other material and placed in the mummy wrappings as an amulet, to ensure eternal afterlife for the departed person.

Yr Felin Wynt means 'windmill' in the Welsh language. The small new pottery which has been selected to produce this handsome thimble for us is situated adjacent to a converted windmill – a traditional source of power in this open coastal area of South Wales – and is named after this attractive landmark.