

# Easter thimbles

There is a growing trend to have collections within thimble collections and a small, specialised themed area is Easter thimbles. For thimbles to fit within this category they should be dated. This then qualifies them both as commemorative as well as Easter thimbles.

The *Thimble Guild* of Biggar in Scotland has featured Easter thimbles in their catalogues over the years. These seem to be undated or only produced for one year. If the thimbles are not branded, it is difficult to track the makers after the event.

<b>Hazel Armstrong</b> polymer clay - Cumbria, UK			
	<b>Easter 2016</b> <i>undated</i> bunny with carrots		

<b>Lorraine Bates</b> china - Woodsetton, UK see also: Woodsetton thimbles topic			
	<b>Easter 1987</b> 22ct gold egg atop b&w image		1984

**Debbie Beam**  
handpainted wood – Edgecomb, Maine USA

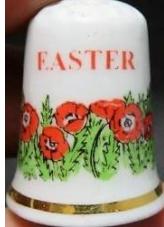


1996

	<b>Easter 1991</b> cross		<b>Easter 1997</b>
	<b>Easter 1992</b>		<b>Easter 1998</b>
	<b>Easter 1993</b>		<b>Easter 1999</b>
	<b>Easter 1995</b>		

**Birchcroft**  
fine bone china – UK

	<b>Happy Easter</b> <i>undated</i> lamb		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> ducklings
	<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> daffodils		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> chick

	<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> poppies		<i>undated</i> chick
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### Bronte

fine bone china – UK

	<b>Easter 2000</b> chicken family		<b>Easter 2000</b> birds
	<b>Easter 2000</b> pigs		<b>Easter 2000</b> birds
	<b>Easter 2000</b> birds		<b>Easter</b> basket with eggs and chicks

### Jenny Blair Designs

frosted glass cased in silver – York, UK  
see also: Jenny Blair thimbles topic

	<b>Easter</b> (1993) with four abalone eggs		
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## Caverswall

China – Longton, Stoke-on-Trent UK

John Chown founded Caverswall

				<b>Easter 1978</b> signed M. Grant			<b>Easter 1986</b>
				<b>Easter 1979</b> signed M. Grant			<b>Easter 1987</b>
				<b>Easter 1979</b> signed M. Grant			<b>Easter 1988</b>
				<b>Easter 1981</b>			<b>Easter 1989</b>
				<b>Easter 1982</b>			<b>Easter 1990</b>
				<b>Easter 1983</b> signed John Ball			<b>Easter 1991</b>
				<b>Easter 1984</b>			<b>Easter 1992</b>
			<b>Easter 1985</b> pewter at R undated L : b&w photo				<b>Easter 1993</b>

**CCI**

handpainted pewter USA



**Easter**  
*undated*

**Cornish Thimbles**

china – Cornwall, UK



**Easter 2005**



**Easter 2012**

**Joy Darius**

handpainted china



**Easter**  
*undated*

**Gili Davis**

handpainted china – South Africa – died 2015



**Happy Easter 2004**



**Easter 2013**  
only 15 painted

**Val de Vries**  
handpainted china or wood – Clare, South Australia



	<b>Easter 2005</b>		<b>Easter undated</b>
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**Nance Dunne**  
handpainted china – Arizona, USA

	<b>Easter 1997</b>		<b>Easter undated</b>
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**Sally Eaglesham**  
china - Scotland  
designer for The Thimble Guild

	<b>Easter 2006</b> undated		
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**Enesco**  
bisque porcelain

	<b>Easter 1985</b> created by Ruth Morehead		<b>Easter undated</b> eggs in many pastel colours
	<b>Easter 1991</b>		<b>Easter undated</b>

	<b>Easter 1991</b>		<b>Easter undated</b> basket of eggs
	<b>Easter 1991</b> bunny in basket		

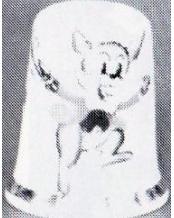
### Finsbury

fine bone china - UK

	<b>Happy Easter 1988</b> <i>undated</i> pair  see also Sutherland		
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### Frika

English fine bone china - Netherlands

	<b>Vrolijke paasen</b> <b>1992</b> <i>undated</i> b&w photo		
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### Stephen Frost – Warwick Models

handpainted articulated pewter – Warwick, UK  
previously the chief modeller for McMillan & Wife

	<b>Easter 1994</b> <i>undated</i>			<b>Easter 1996</b> <i>undated</i>
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### Gallo Pewter

USA

	<b>Easter 1992</b> signed <u>E</u> <u>Vincent</u>		
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**Ginnie** (Virginia Wellman)  
handpainted porcelain - USA

	<b>Easter 1990</b> undated		
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**Nicholas Gish**  
part-painted articulated pewter - USA - died 2006



1997

	<b>Happy Easter</b> 1990		
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**The Good Company**  
porcelain - Woodland Hills, California USA  
a division of Applause

	<b>Easter 1989</b>		<b>Easter 1989</b>
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**Gwahaniaeth Crafts** (Bryn & Doris Weightman)  
handpainted clay over metal - Wales  
mainly figural

	<b>Easter 1989</b> undated		<b>Easter</b> golly with Easter egg
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**Hazrah** (Safinah, Mariam and Sarah)  
handmade and handpainted bronze - St Louis, Mauritius  
see also: Hazrah thimbles topic

	<b>Easter 2007</b> undated		<b>Happy Easter in Mauritius</b> undated
	<b>Easter</b> undated		

### Heritage Collection

sterling silver - UK

in Australia, Heritage Collections marketed hallmarked these thimbles  
each issue has the maker's mark of a different silversmith - all were assayed in Birmingham. All are  
lightweight (.999 silver) and boxed with authenticity numbered, certificates  
some certificates attest that they were made for the Australian market others would have been  
made for the British and American markets

once the thimble is removed from the box, they lose the connection with Heritage Collection

	<b>Easter 1975</b> Ammonite Ltd (ALtd) 2500 made for Australia L: 1000 silver gilt		<b>Easter 1983</b> Charles Owen George (COG) 2500 made for Australia 1000 silver gilt
	<b>Easter 1978</b> Ammonite Ltd (ALtd) different from 1983 daffs		<b>Easter undated</b> stamped 'silver'
	<b>Easter 1978</b> Ammonite Ltd (ALtd) (ALtd)		<b>Easter 1984</b> BL 2500 made for Australia
	<b>Easter 1982</b> Ammonite Ltd (ALtd)		

### Hurley Porcelain

thimbles were handpainted by Wendy Bowen of New York; and others as indicated. Bowen was trained at Royal Worcester. Hurley Porcelain ceased production in 1981



1978

	<b>Easter 1978</b> painted by S Lewis		<b>Easter 1980</b>
	<b>Easter 1979</b> painted by Gayle		<b>Easter 1981</b> painted by Lee R: b&w photo

### Tilly Kadletz

handpainted lacquer on brass- Nadelberg, Austria, using Settmacher  
thimbles – handpainted thimbles done by US painters

	<b>Easter 1975</b> b&w photo		<b>Easter 1976</b>
	<b>Easter 1975</b> b&w photo		<b>Easter 1979</b>

### Lindner

porcelain – Bavaria, Germany

	<b>Ostern 1998</b> four-sided		<b>Ostern 2003</b> four-sided
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	<b>Easter 1998</b> <i>undated</i> outsize egg in a basket handpainted		<b>Easter 2004</b> <i>undated</i> outsize egg in a basket handpainted
	<b>Ostern 1999</b> four-sided fluted rim		<b>Easter 2009</b> <i>Undated</i> four-sided handpainted
	<b>Ostern 2001</b> four-sided		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Frohe Ostern 2002</b> four-sided		

### Marienela Miniatures

handmade, polymer clay

	<b>Easter [2015]</b>		
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### Masons Ironstone

UK

see: Learn More About Thimbles for more on this thimble maker

	<b>Happy Easter</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Happy Easter</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Happy Easter</b> <i>undated</i>		

**Julie Menzies**  
handpainted china - Scotland

	<b>Easter 1994</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter 2004</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 2000</b> <i>undated</i> painted on Settmacher nickel thimble with glass apex		

**Felix Morel**

various metals - Pulteney Bridge, Bath UK  
see also: Felix Morel thimble topic

	<b>Easter 1989</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter 1993</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 1992</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 1992</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 1993</b> <i>undated</i>		

**MOT (Martha Shaw)**

handpainted wood – she paints in folk-art style – Anderson, South Carolina USA

	<b>Easter 1998</b>		
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**Ronnie Parker**  
leather - New Lanark, Scotland



**Easter 1984**

**Mandy Page**  
polyclay over metal - Sussex, England



**Easter 2001**  
*undated*



**Graham Payne**  
handpainted china – Worcester, UK  
see also: Graham Payne thimble topic



**Easter 1982**



**Easter 1986**

**Rachel Pugh**  
china – Scotland  
designer for The Thimble Guild



2003

	<b>Easter 2001</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter 2003</b> limited to 100
	<b>Happy Easter 2001</b>		<b>Easter 2005</b>
	<b>Easter 2002 – March 31st</b>		

**Roba** (Dolores Robaczewski)  
handpainted china - USA

	<b>Easter 1985</b> limited to 2000		
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**Nikki Shaw**  
handpainted glass – Glass Attic Somerset, UK

	<b>Easter 2004</b> <i>undated</i>		
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**John C Spray**  
handpainted glass – Leicester, UK

	<b>Easter 1997</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter 2004</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 2003</b> <i>undated</i>		

**Sutherland**  
china - UK

	<b>Easter 1997</b> <i>undated</i> 'Hunting the Easter eggs'	 	<b>Happy Easter</b> <i>undated</i> see also: Finsbury
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**James Swann & Sons (JS&S)**  
enamelled sterling silver – Birmingham, UK

			<b>Easter 2003</b> hallmark date			<b>Easter 2003</b> hallmark date limited to 125
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**Swann Thimbles (S(T))**  
sterling silver – Birmingham, UK

	<b>Easter 2003</b> hallmark date		
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## The Thimble Guild

china – Scotland

	<b>Easter 2006</b> bunny with daffodils		<b>Easter 2011</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 2008</b> <i>undated</i>		

## Ullmann glass

crystal – Bavaria, Germany

see also: Glass thimbles topic

	<b>Easter 1994</b> <i>undated</i>		
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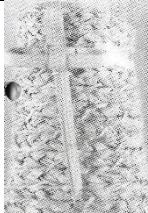
## Meg Urwin (Thimbleworld)

bone china – Kelso, Scotland

	<b>Easter 1993</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter 1993</b> <i>undated</i> 'The glory of Easter' 'Love supreme life eternal'
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## Jacqueline Walker

crochet – Coventry, UK

	<b>Easter 1987</b> <i>undated</i> raffia b&w photo		<b>Easter 2002</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 1990</b> <i>undated</i>		

## Woodsetton Peeps

brass - Gill and David Bates – Dudley, UK  
see also: Woodsetton thimbles topic

	<b>Easter Greetings 2003</b>		<b>Easter 2008</b>
	<b>Easter 2004</b> words of The Lord's Prayer		

## Others

	<b>Happy Easter 1977</b>		<b>Happy Easter 2015 undated</b>
	<b>Happy Easter 1986</b> USA		<b>Happy Easter 2015</b>
	<b>Easter 1987</b> undated handpainted metal		<b>Easter Greetings 2017</b> chicks
	<b>Easter 1997</b> undated pewter		<b>Easter 2017</b> lilies
	<b>Easter 2003</b> undated Moscow		<b>Happy Easter April 2017</b>

	<b>Easter 2006</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Happy Easter 2021</b>
	<b>Easter 2007</b>		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> white bunny
	<b>Easter 2007</b>		<b>Happy Easter</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 2008</b> handpainted wood Russia Cyrillic name lettered at rim		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> handpainted wood
	<b>Easter 2008</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter</b> <i>Undated</i> Easter bunny
	<b>Easter 2008</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> handpainted Korea b&w photo
	<b>Easter 2011</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 2013</b>		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i>
	<b>Easter 2013</b> <i>undated</i>		<b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> (no later than 1979) b&w photo

	<p><b>Happy Easter 2015</b></p>		<p><b>Easter</b> <i>undated</i> black bunny</p>
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