

# Harrods thimbles

## England

Over the years, Harrods of Kensington London, have commissioned thimbles - for marketing or advertising purposes.

They form a small, neat thematic collection. Most of these thimbles were produced for Harrods in the 1980s. Which other Department store anywhere in the world, has had as many commissioned?

Of the 37 thimbles illustrated below, it is interesting to note that eight include a teddy bear - a cross-thematic collection?

None in my collection came directly from Harrods - does anyone know from which Harrods Department they were available?

Some of the thimbles have the word 'Knightsbridge' lettered under 'Harrods'. The brand name is always identical, tho the distinctive 'H' is often used in conjunction with the brand name.



Harrods thimble boxes

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## Branded thimbles





**Caverswall – iv**



**Ari Norman**  
Birmingham 1985  
"Harrods" lettered vertically  
with etched carnation?

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**Ari Norman**  
Birmingham  
"Harrods" lettered horizontally



**Objet d'Art**



**Sterling Classic**  
'Harrods' lettered inside  
R: unbranded



**Wedgwood**

### Unbranded thimbles



blue



blue - different shape



green



turquoise



white



white - different shape



Scottie



doorman  
with 'Knightsbridge' as part of the backstamp



doorman bear  
Harrods china



bear



bear with crown



bear



'Harrods bear'



bear



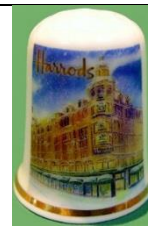
Paddington Bear with building



building



building



building in colour



building gold  
'Made exclusively for Harrods'



building with bus



building with van



Harrods London  
150 years of establishment of Harrods 1834-2014



building



QEII's diamond jubilee 2012



London bus



stylised Union Jack



'Vintage Christmas'



QEII liner with Statue of Liberty on verso  
'Made for Harrods Knightsbridge'  
photo: Rosie Mladenovic



silver  
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silver

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This listing of Harrods thimbles does not purport to be complete or accurate in all aspects.  
Rather it invites comment and contribution to add to our knowledge. My thanks to the contributors.

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