

Children's books characters on thimbles

including nursery rhymes - fairy tales and fables

If you are ever thinking of a starter thimble collection for a child – maybe this thematic topic may be the perfect start for a collection? As most of the thimbles are made of china, they would be a reasonable theme to collect? The thimble may show the cover of a favourite book or an actual character.

Maybe these thimbles will send you to revisit to your favourite childhood read? Check whether your favourite thimble maker has created a thimble?



It seems that the earlier the book was published, the more prolific the thimbles associated with the characters are. For these bigger sections, the book characters are depicted separately.

Some of the thimbles show only the book title – these still encapsulate the books character.

We are familiar with so many characters on television and in films that didn't originate in book form (for example Jim Henson's The Muppets). They are outside the scope of this topic.

Disney movies have played a huge role in bringing book characters to the screen. Thimble makers have been influenced by these movie versions, especially in the fairy tales section. Without the original author, many of the films or TV versions would not exist. Many of these versions are shown on many of the thimbles below.

Children grew up listening to nursery rhymes and fairy tales – these are included at the end of the topic. There are no lullabies like Twinkle twinkle little star ...

Pewter is an ideal medium for thimble makers to show the finest details of nursery rhymes.

Most of the china thimbles have decals that are often repeated.








Its lovely to find the odd handpainted thimbles – and there are several sterling silver thimbles depicting the book characters.

The following was not written for children:
The little prince - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

I have arranged the topic alphabetically by the title of the book depicted. Within each book, thimbles with a known maker are listed first.

Children's books characters

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER 1876 – THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN 1884 Mark Twain (US)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Huckleberry Finn book	<u>Francesca</u> Huckleberry Finn	<u>Heirloom Editions USA</u> Huckleberry Finn handpainted by Tasia	<u>Chris Harmer</u> 1976 Tom Sawyer enamelled sterling silver
			
<u>Francesca</u> Tom Sawyer		<u>Sutherland</u> 1984 Tom Sawyer	

ALICE IN WONDERLAND Lewis Carroll 1865 (UK)

it is interesting how differently each thimble maker interprets this story's characters

Alice

most of the thimbles feature Alice and are included here, no matter which character accompanies her

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Alice in Wonderland book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Drink me	<u>Birchcroft</u> Alice in Wonderland poster	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the Caterpillar
			
<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the Dodo	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the Cheshire Cat	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the White Rabbit	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA Alice and the Mad Hatter
			
<u>Hallmark Cards</u> USA 1995 Alice in Wonderland	<u>Harmer</u>	<u>Heirloom Editions USA</u> handpainted by CC Alice and the Knave of Hearts	<u>Iles & Gomms</u> Alice and the Dodo

			
<u>Iles & Gomms</u> Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party	<u>Iles & Gomms</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat Alice in Wonderland	<u>JK</u> Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatter	<u>Lucerne Wulf USA</u> sterling silver
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u> Alice and the Mad Hatter	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> Alice and the Lion and the Unicorn	<u>R.J.K. USA</u> Alice and the White Rabbit handpainted silver	
			
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Advice from the Caterpillar	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and croquet match	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Curiouser and curiouser	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Dodo before the caucus
			
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Dodo we beg your pardon	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Drink me	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and Humpty Dumpty	<u>Royal Grafton</u> If it had grown up it would have made a dreadfully ugly child
			
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Queen of Hearts Off with her head	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Queen of Hearts Speak roughly to your little boy and beat him when he sneezes	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the deer
			
<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the golden crown	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the Lion and the Unicorn	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Alice and the White Knight	<u>Royal Grafton</u> Wont you join the dance

 <p><u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1988 (L)</u> Drink me</p>	 <p><u>Sterling Classic 1998</u></p>	 <p><u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat</p>	 <p><u>Sterling Classic 1998</u> Alice and the Cheshire Cat</p>
 <p><u>The Thimble Guild</u> Alice and the Dodo commemorating 100th anniversary the authors death 1998</p>	 <p><u>Walt Disney USA 1988</u></p>	 <p>Alice and the Caterpillar commemorating 150th anniversary 2012</p>	 <p>Alice and the Caterpillar commemorating 150th anniversary 2012</p>
 <p>Alice and the Cheshire Cat commemorating 150th anniversary 2012</p>	 <p>Drink me commemorating 150th anniversary 2012</p>	 <p>movie with Mia Wasilkoski as Alice</p>	 <p>Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll first published in 1865 150 years ago</p>
 <p>movie with Mia Wasilkoski as Alice and White Rabbit</p>	 <p>Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party commemorating 150th anniversary</p>	 <p>Alice and the Queen of Hearts commemorating 150th anniversary</p>	 <p>Alice and the Mad Hatters tea party</p>
		 <p>Alice and Dodo We beg ypur acceptance of this elegant thimble</p>	
 <p><u>Harmer Carpenter</u></p>		 <p><u>Harmer Caterpillar</u></p>	

Cheshire Cat



Comstock Creations USA



Hallmark Cards USA 1998
Alice in Wonderland



Harmer



Royal Grafton
It vanished quite lowly,
beginning with the far end
of its tail and ending
with the grin



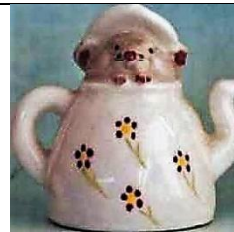
Dormouse



Carol Ann Miniatures



Daniel Riccio US 1998
bronze



Harmer



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 1988



Sterling Classic 1998
Duchess



Moorland Miniatures
Old Father William



Royal Grafton
Old Father William



Harmer
Hand of cards



Birchcroft
Herald



Royal Grafton
Herald



Royal Grafton
Jabberwocky



Harmer
King of Hearts

Mad Hatter



Birchcroft



Hallmark Cards USA 1996
Alice in Wonderland



Harmer



Healacraft China
'Twinkle twinkle little bat
how I wonder what you're
at
Up above the the world
you fly, like a teatray in
the sky
Woodsetton Peepr of
speech by Mad Hatter



Royal Grafton



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 1988



Sterling Classic 1998



1993



March Hare



Harmer



Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1998



Sterling Classic

Queen of Hearts



Harmer



Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1998



Sterling Classic 1998

Tweedledum and Tweedledee



Comstock Creations USA



Royal Grafton

Walrus and the Carpenter



Harmer



McMillan & Wife



Royal Grafton

White Rabbit



Carol Ann Miniatures 2016



Hallmark Cards USA 1997
Alice in Wonderland



Harmer



Royal Grafton



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 1998



Sterling Classic 2001



commemorating 150th
anniversary 2012



others



Royal Grafton
quote Twas brillig and the slithy toves

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES Lucy Maude Montgomery 1908 (Canada)

 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> Anne of Green Gables book</p>	 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> Green Gables</p>	 <p><u>Bronte</u></p>
 <p>Green Gables Prince Edward Island resin</p>		

THE BOOK OF FLOWER FAIRIES Cecily Mary Barker 1927 (UK)

 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> The Bluebell story book</p>	 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> The Pansy story book</p>	 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> The Snowdrop story book</p>
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BRAMBLEY HEDGE Jill Barklem 1980 (UK)

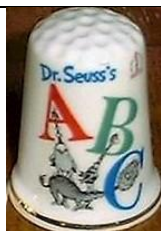
 <p>Autumn 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u></p>	 <p>Basil <u>Royal Doulton</u></p>	 <p>Basil 1983 on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic</p>	 <p>Catkin <u>Enesco</u> nursery basket</p>
 <p>Clover <u>Enesco</u> nursery basket</p>	 <p>Clover 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u></p>	 <p>Lady Woodmouse 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u></p>	 <p>Lady Woodmouse <u>Enesco</u> winter</p>

			
Mrs Apple 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Mrs Apple <u>Enesco</u> summer	Mrs Apple on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic	Mrs Appleyard 2006 <u>Lindner</u>
			
Mrs Toadflax on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic	Poppy on bramble jam pot pewter on ceramic	Primrose 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Spring 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u>
			
Summer 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	The little children 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	The wedding 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Wilfred <u>Enesco</u> nursery basket
			
Wilfred <u>Enesco</u> spring	Wilfred 1983 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	Winter 1982 <u>Royal Doulton</u>	nursery basket <u>Enesco</u>

THE CAT IN THE HAT etc Dr Seuss 1957 (US)



bronze statue of the author and his character



ABC



The cat in the hat



The cat in the hat comes back



Come to a party



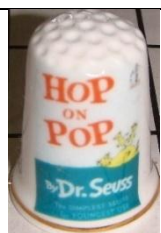
Dr Seuss ...



The foot book



Happy birthday to you



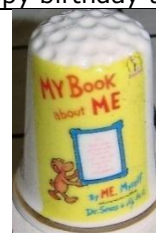
Hop on pop



Horton hatches the egg



Horton hears a who



My book about me



Oh, the places you'll go



A season of Seuss 2007
Fox in socks
resin



A season of Seuss 2007
Grinch
resin



A season of Seuss 2007
Sam I am
resin



Yertle the turtle

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY etc Roald Dahl 1964 (UK)

 <p>We is in dream country the BFG said, this is where all dreams happen</p>	 <p>Charlie and the chocolate factory 2013</p>	 <p>Fantastic Mr Fox 2013</p>	 <p>James and the giant peach 2013</p>
 <p>Matilda 2013</p>	 <p>The Twits 2013</p>	 <p>The witches 2013</p>	

GUMNUT BABIES 1916 – SNUGGLEPOT AND CUDDLEPIE 1918 May Gibbs (Australia)

 <p>Royal Grafton 1994 Gumnut Babies</p>	 <p>firehydrant</p>
 <p>Jan Milton handpainted Snugglepot Cuddlepie</p>	

HARRY POTTER J K Rowling 1997 (UK)



J K Rowling 'When you dream you can do what you like'

			
Dobby	<u>Birchcroft</u> Hagrid	Hagrid	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets book
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the deathly hallows book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the goblet of fire book	Harry Potter and the goblet of fire	<u>Birchcroft</u> 2005 Harry Potter and the half-blood prince book
			
Harry Potter and The goblet of fire	Harry Potter and the order of the phoenix	<u>Birchcroft</u> 2003 Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book	<u>Birchcroft</u> 2017 Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book 20 years since publication	Harry Potter and the philosophers stone book 20 years since publication	<u>Birchcroft</u> Harry Potter
			
Harry Potter	Harry Potter movie	Harry Potter playing quidditch	

	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Hermione	 Hermione	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Hogwarts
 <u>Birchcroft</u> Oliver	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Professor Dumbledore	 Professor Dumbledore	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Ron
 Ron			

THE JUNGLE BOOK Rudyard Kipling 1894 (UK)

 <u>Birchcroft</u> Bagheera	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Baloo	 <u>Lenox USA</u> Baloo	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Sue
 <u>Birchcroft</u> Jungle book	 Jungle book	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Kaa	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Little eEphant
 <u>Birchcroft</u> Monkey	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Mowgli	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Rama	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Sheer Khan

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> The Apes	<u>Birchcroft</u> The Colonel	<u>Birchcroft</u> Vultures	<u>Birchcroft</u> Yogi Bear and Booboo

MARY POPPINS P L Travers 1933 (UK)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Mary Poppins the musical poster	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	Mary Poppins 50 th anniversary 1964-2014 2014	Mary Poppins 50 th anniversary 1964-2014 2014

MR MEN Roger Hargreaves 1971 (UK)

		
Mr Men 2016 celebrating 65 th anniversary of Little Miss	Mr Greedy 2014	Mr Happy 2014
		
Mr Nosey 2014	Mr Tickle 2014	Mr Men 2016 A white Christmas

NODDY Enid Blyton 1949 (UK)



Great British authors Enid Blyton 1897-1968



Birchcroft

Enid Blyton was born 100 years ago today 11-Aug-97



Bert Monkey



Birchcroft
Big Ears



Big Ears



Birchcroft
Dinah



Goblins - **Sly and Gobbo**



Birchcroft
Martha



Birchcroft
P.C. Plod



Mr Plod



Birchcroft



Birchcroft
Noddy and his car book



Birchcroft
The big Noddy book



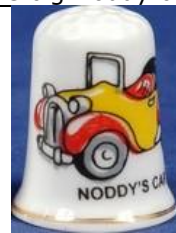
Birchcroft
The new Noddy book



Noddy in his car 2004



Noddy in his car and Big Ears



Birchcroft
Noddys car



Birchcroft
Rusty



Birchcroft
Tessie



Tessie Bear

PADDINGTON BEAR Michael Bond 1958 (UK)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> please look after this bear thank you	<u>Birchcroft</u> please look after this bear	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 at the seaside	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 bedtime
			
<u>Coalport</u> 1983 gardening	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 sweeps up	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 takes a snack	<u>Coalport</u> 1983 takes a trip
			
<u>Enesco</u> 1990 sitting on marmalade jar	<u>Enesco</u> 1990 standing on marmalade jar	<u>Enesco</u> 1990 takes a trip - marmalade jar	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 1998 breakfast
			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 gardening	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 green jacket	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 marmalade	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 picnic
			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany 1998 picnic	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 takes a trip	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 1998 takes a trip	<u>Reutter</u> Germany
			
<u>Schmid</u> Germany 1983 A bears noel	<u>Schmid</u> Germany 1984 How sweet it is	silver-plated pewter 1998 at the seaside	silver-plated pewter 1998 jogging

			
silver-plated pewter 1998 plays golf	silver-plated pewter 1998 plays soccer	silver-plated pewter 1998 plays tennis	silver-plated pewter 1998 takes a trip
			
celebrating 50 years 2008	Christmas 2014		

PETER PAN J M Barrie 1904 (UK)

Peter

			
<u>Ann Sullivan</u> UK handpainted	<u>Birchcroft</u> movie poster	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Colin Tyler</u> UK stacking thimble
			
<u>Fort</u> USA ...Maryland More than a restaurant	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Walt Disney</u> 1988	<u>Woodseton</u> UK 1989 peep
			
65 th anniversary 2018			movie poster

Captain Hook

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Colin Tyler</u> UK stacking thimble	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2005 100 year anniversary	

Crocodile



Birchcroft



Colin Tyler UK
stacking thimble



The Thimble Guild 2005
100 year anniversary



Birchcroft
John



The Thimble Guild 2005
John
100 year anniversary



John



Birchcroft
Jolly Roger



Birchcroft
Michael



Michael



Birchcroft
Nana



Colin Tyler UK
Smee
stacking thimble



Birchcroft
Tiger Lily

Tinkerbell



Birchcroft



Colin Tyler UK
stacking thimble



Sterling Classic



The Thimble Guild 2005
100 year anniversary



Walt Disney 1988





Secret wings

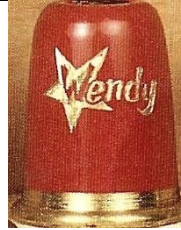
Wendy



Birchcroft



The Thimble Guild 2005
100 year anniversary



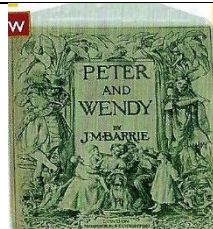
Woodsetton UK 1989
peep



Others



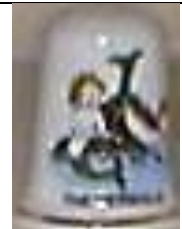
Birchcroft
Peter Pan and Never Land
book



Birchcroft
Peter and Wendy by J.M.
Barrie book



Birchcroft



Birchcroft



The Thimble Guild 2005
Celebrating 100 years of Peter Pan Charity No 235825



The Thimble Guild
J.M. Barries Peter Pan 100 years

PINOCCHIO Carlo Collodi 1883 (Italy) Pinocchio



Ann Sullivan UK
handpainted



Birchcroft



McMillan & Wife



Q2 USA
handpainted wood



Italy
resin





Jiminy Cricket



Sterling Classic



Walt Disney 1988



RAGGEDY ANN - ANDY Johnny Gruelle 1915 (US)



Comstock Creations USA
Andy



Janet Pitts USA
Andy



Radnor
Andy



Birchcroft
Ann and Andy



Calico Cuties USA
handpainted



Comstock Creations USA
Ann



Janet Pitts USA
Ann



Moorland Miniatures 1996
Ann



Radnor UK
Ann



Ann 1990
handpainted




wood



RUPERT BEAR Herbert Tourtel 1920 (UK)

Rupert

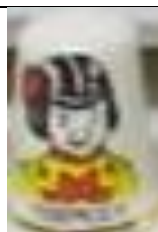
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> 100 year anniversary	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u> Christmas	<u>Maureen Jones Silver</u> <u>Scenes Ltd Wales</u> Full of glee hoping soon to see the sea
			
	85 year anniversary 2006	Rupert and Bill celebrate	
			
	Christmas	in the rain	
			
	85 year anniversary 2006	picking flowers	in the snow
			
Rupert with Ping Pond and Bill		Rupert with Willie	
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Algy	<u>Birchcroft</u> Bill	<u>Birchcroft</u> Edward	<u>Birchcroft</u> Podgy



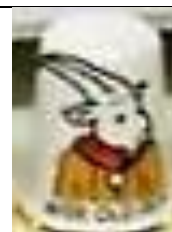
Birchcroft
Professor



Birchcroft
Rex



Birchcroft
Tiger Lily



Birchcroft
Wise Old Goat

THE SNOWMAN Raymond Briggs 1978 (UK)



Border Fine Arts Studio UK
2003
enamelled



Royal Doulton
pyjamas



Royal Doulton
snowman



Royal Doulton
skier



Royal Doulton
sheriff



Royal Doulton
Highland dancer



Royal Doulton
braces

THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT etc Beatrix Potter 1902 (UK)

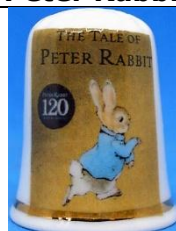


Frederick Warne & Co were the publisher of all her books. Their initials often appear inside many of these thimbles. Most of the characters portrayed were those drawn by Beatrix Potter in her 23 books.

Peter Rabbit – The tale of Peter Rabbit



Birchcroft
Peter and family



Birchcroft 2022
The tale of Peter Rabbit
120 years



Birchcroft
The tale of Peter Rabbit
book



Birchcroft
Peter in the garden



Lenox USA 1996



Reutter Germany 2002
100 years






Reutter Germany L: 2001
Peter and family



Reutter Germany
Peter and family

			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany Peter in the garden 100 years	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2002 Peter in the snow	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2005 Peters Christmas party	<u>Schmid</u> 2002 100 years
			
<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2012 Peter and family	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2013 70 years of Potters death	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1983
			
gold painted apex	1994	film	Peter and family gold painted apex
			
Peter Rabbit and friends 1995	Peter in the garden gold painted apex	gold-plated pewter 2003	silver-plated Korea 1993
			
Happy Easter	Peter in the snow gold painted apex	silver-plated pewter 2003	silver-plated pewter
			
Peter Rabbit and the Guides of Troutbeck Park Beatrix Potter 31 st May 1928	papier maché Philippines	handpainted wood 1997 Philippines R: 2002 100 years	

 <p><u>Sutherland</u> Amiable Guinea Pig Appley Dapplys nursery rhymes</p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u> Anna Maria The tale of Samuel Whiskers</p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u> Applely Dapply Appley Dapplys nursery rhymes</p>
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Benjamin Bunny – The tale of Benjamin Bunny

 <p><u>Birchcroft</u></p>	 <p><u>Lenox USA 1996</u></p>	 <p><u>Reutter Germany L: 2001</u></p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u></p>
 <p><u>The Thimble Guild 2013</u> 70 years of Potters death</p>	 <p><u>Wedgwood 1983</u></p>		

 <p><u>Lenox USA 1996</u> Cecily Parsley</p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u> Cecily Parsley</p>	 <p><u>Lenox USA 1996</u> Dig Diggory Delvet</p>
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Duchess - The tale of the pie and the patty pan

 <p><u>Birchcroft</u></p>	 <p><u>Lenox USA 1996</u></p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u></p>	
 <p><u>Sutherland</u> The fierce bad rabbit The story of a fierce bad rabbit</p>	 <p><u>Sutherland</u> Flopsy The tale of Flopsy bunnies</p>	 <p><u>Wedgwood 1983</u> Flopsy</p>	 <p><u>The Thimble Guild 2015</u> Flopsy Mopsy and Cottontail</p>

			
<u>Sutherland</u> Foxy Whiskered Gentleman The tale of Jemima Puddleduck	<u>Sutherland</u> Gardening Guinea Pig Cecily Parsleys nursery rhymes	<u>Sutherland</u> Gentle Rabbit The story of a fierce bad rabbit	<u>Sutherland</u> Ginger The tale of Ginger and Pickles
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Goody and Mrs Hackee	<u>Sutherland</u> Goody Tiptoes The tale of Tommy Tiptoes	<u>Birchcroft</u> Guinea pigs	

Hunca Munca – The tale of two bad mice

			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death 2014
			
1994	silver-plated pewter 2003	1994	

Jemima Puddleduck – The tale of Jemima Puddleduck

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Book cover	<u>Crummles</u> UK 1989 enamelled	<u>Jacqui Walker</u> UK 1997 crocheted	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996
			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany L: 2001	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2013 70 years of Potters death	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1983

	no photo		
gold painted apex	silver-plated pewter 2003	silver-plated Korea 1993	thimble holder

Johnny Town Mouse – The tale of Johnny Town Mouse

			
<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild 2015</u>	gold painted apex

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Kep The tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> Kitty in Boots book cover	<u>Lenox USA 1996</u> Lady Mouse	<u>Sutherland</u> Lucie The tale of Mrs Tiggy Winkle


<u>Sutherland</u> Lucinda The tale of two bad mice

Little Pig Robinson - The Tale of Little Pig Robinson

		no photo
<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild 2014</u>	silver-plated pewter 2003

Miss Moppet – The story of Miss Moppet

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u> Miss Moppet and Mittens	<u>Lenox USA 1996</u>	<u>Sutherland</u>

			
<u>Sutherland</u> Mouse The story of Miss Moppet	<u>Sutherland</u> The Mouse Tailor The tailor of Gloucester	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 The Mouse who had too many children lived in a shoe	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 Mr Alderman Ptolem
			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 Mr Fox	Mr Fox 70 years of Potters death 2013	<u>Sutherland</u> Mr Jackson The tale of Mrs Tittlemouse	

Mr Jeremy Fisher - The tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher

			
<u>Crummles</u> UK 1989 enamelled	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death
			
1994	silver-plated pewter 2003	gold painted apex	

			
Mr Pricklepin 2014 Applely Dapplys nursery rhymes	<u>Sutherland</u> Mr Tod	<u>Birchcroft</u> Mrs Rabbit	
			
Mrs Rabbit 2015	<u>Birchcroft</u> Mrs Tabitha Twitchit	<u>Sutherland</u> Mrs Tabitha Twitchit The tale of Tom Kitten	

Mrs Tiggy Winkle The tale of Mrs Tiggle Winkle

				
<u>Birchcroft</u>		<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996		<u>Sutherland</u>
				
<u>Wedgwood</u> 1983		1994		gold painted apex

Mrs Tittlemouse – The tale of Mrs Tittlemouse

			no photo
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild 2015</u>	silver-plated pewter 2003
			
2015			

Old Brown The tale of Squirrel Nutkin

		
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>
		
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 Old Mr Benjamin Bunny	<u>Sutherland</u> Old Mr Benjamin Bunny The tale of Benjamin Bunny	<u>Sutherland</u> Older Mr Benjamin Bunny The tale of the Flopsy Bunnies

Old Mrs Rabbit The tale of Peter Rabbit



Birchcroft



Lenox USA 1996



Sutherland

Pigling Bland The tale of Pigling Bland



Birchcroft
Pigling Bland and
Alexander



Lenox USA 1996



Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2014



silver-plated pewter 2003



Sutherland
Pig Wig
The tale of Pigling Bland



Birchcroft
Ripley

Ribby - The tale of the pie and the patty pan



Birchcroft
Cousin Tibby



Lenox USA 1996







Sutherland

no photo

silver-plated pewter 2003
Cousin Tibby

Samuel Whiskers - The tale of Two Bad Mice

			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014	silver-plated pewter 2003

		
<u>Birchcroft</u> Simpkin the cat	<u>Sutherland</u> Simpkin the cat The Tailor of Gloucester	<u>Sutherland</u> Sir Isaac Newton The tale of Mr Jeremy Fisher

Squirrel Nutkin - The tale of Squirrel Nutkin

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> book cover	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death
			
1994	gold painted apex	gold-plated pewter 2003	


<u>Sutherland</u> Susan The tale of Little Pig Robinson

The Tailor of Gloucester - The Tailor of Gloucester



Crummles UK 1985
enamelled



Lindner Germany 2001



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Wedgwood 1983



gold-plated Korea 1993
limited to **200**



gold painted apex



gold-plated pewter 2003



Peter Rabbit and friends
100 years 1994



beads over wood

Timmy Tiptoes – The tale of Timmy Tiptoes



Birchcroft



Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2015

Timmy Willie – The tale of Johnny Town Mouse











Sutherland



The Thimble Guild 2015

Tom Kitten – The tale of Tom Kitten

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001 Tom Kitten and his sisters
			
<u>Reutter</u> Germany 2001	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death 2014	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death
			
1994	silver-plated pewter 2003		

Tom Thumb – The tale of Two Bad Mice


<u>Birchcroft</u>

Tommy Brock The tale of Mr Tod

		
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sutherland</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 70 years of Potters death

Two Bad Mice – The tale of Two Bad Mice

		
<u>Crummles</u> UK 1989 enamelled	2014	gold painted apex

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE Wilbur Awdry 1946 (UK)

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2014 Thomas the tank engine 30 th anniversary	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2015 Thomas the tank engine 70 years	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2015 Thomas the tank engine 70 years Three railway engines

TREASURE ISLAND Robert Louis Stevenson 1883 (UK)

			
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> book	<u>Fort USA</u> Pirate Las Vegas	<u>Fort USA</u> Pirate	<u>Sutherland</u> 1983 Hispaniola
			
<u>Sutherland</u> 1983 pieces of eight	<u>Sutherland</u>	Treasure Island Fort Las Vegas est. 1993	
			

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Kenneth Grahame 1908 (UK)
the illustrations by Ernest Shepard are those used on the thimbles below

Badger

			
<u>Berkshire</u> breakfast at Badgers	<u>Berkshire</u> Badgers little place	<u>Caverswall</u> 1983 limited to 250	<u>Heirloom</u> USA
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u> riverbank	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert</u> 1987	<u>St Justin Cornwall</u> nesting
			
<u>The Thimble Garden</u> UK 100 th anniversary		On a small brass plate, neatly engraved, they could read by the light of the moonlight 1999	

Mole

			
<u>Berkshire</u> picnic	<u>Berkshire</u> search for Portly	<u>Carol Ann Miniatures</u> picnic	<u>Caverswall</u> 1983 limited to 250
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u> picnic	<u>Royal Albert</u> 1987	<u>The Thimble Garden</u> UK 100 th anniversary	Mole gasped, "Oh my Oh my:!" at each revelation 1999

Ratty

			
<u>Berkshire picnic</u>	<u>Caverswall 1983 limited to 250</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert 1987</u>
			
<u>The Thimble Garden UK 100th anniversary</u>	<u>Thimbles n Things UK</u>	There is absolutely nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats 1999	Very well sang boy, cried the rat heartily. And now come along in and warm yourself 1999

Toad

			
<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>	<u>Berkshire</u>
			
<u>Berkshire gypsy caravan</u>	<u>Berkshire Toads escape</u>	<u>Berkshire Toad speaks</u>	<u>Caverswall 1983 limited to 250</u>
			
<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Royal Albert 1987</u>	<u>The Thimble Garden UK 100th anniversary</u>	Toad with a quaking heart, but as firm a footstep as he could command, Toad set fort cautiously 1999
			
I wonder, Toad said to himself presently, I wonder if this sort of car starts easily 1999	Oh sir, said Toad crying afresh, I am a poor washerwoman and I've lost all my money 1999	Prisoner. Pull yourself together. It's going to be twenty years for you this time 1999	Shout hooray For its a Toads great day. He sang very load with great unction 1999



The boat had run aground and the barge-woman was gesticulating wildly and shouting, Stop, stop, stop 1999



Theres real life for you, bedded in that little cart. The open road, the dusty highway 1999



To the panic stricken weasels the hall seemed full of monstrous animals 1999

Weasel



Heirloom USA



McMillan & Wife



Others



Berkshire
Barge woman



McMillan & Wife
Field mice carolling



Berkshire
Over the bank they went



Berkshire
Take those things off



Berkshire
mice singing carols



The Thimble Garden UK
car **thimble holder**
100th anniversary



Birchcroft
book



The Thimble Guild
set of 12

WINNIE THE POOH A A Milne 1926 (UK)

Pooh




			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and Christopher with drum	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends at sunset	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and Piglet hold hands	<u>Birchcroft</u> Good morning
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> I may not be perfect but Im always me!	<u>Birchcroft</u> How do you spell love You don't spell it you feel it	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh meets Piglet	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends outdoors
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends outdoors	<u>Birchcroft</u> Pooh and friends	<u>Birchcroft</u> Outdoors What day is it, Pooh asked. Its today, squeaked Piglet. My favourite day, says Pooh	<u>Birchcroft</u> Today I will not stress over things I cannot control
			
<u>Birchcroft</u> with balloons	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Blacktop China</u>
			
<u>Enesco</u> 2004 Lets go for a wander enamelled	<u>Fort</u>	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996 honey pot	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996

			
<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Santa hat	<u>Timothy Burton Burtwell</u> UK 1997 Pooh and Piglet sterling silver
			
<u>Timothy Burton Burtwell</u> UK Pooh with balloon sterling silver	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> Little William	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2016 commemorating 60 years since Milnes death	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> 2016 commemorating 90 years since Pooh created
			
Pooh Bear	Pooh and Piglet attend Miss Piggy and Kermit concert	Happy Easter 2021	Pooh's Easter egg
			
Happy New Year 2017	Happy New Year Owl, Pooh Let S hope it a hoot	Winnie-the-Pooh meets the King 2022	Merry Christmas from Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet
			
Pooh and Queen Elizabeth celebrate their 95 th birthday 2021	Pooh with Queen Elizabeth and Prince George on her 90 th birthday 2016		
			
Christmas 2020			



Christopher Robin

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> Eeyore	<u>Birchcroft</u> playing Poohsticks with Pooh	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>
			
<u>The Thimble Guild</u> Happy Easter 2017	<u>Timothy Burton Burtwell</u> UK 1997 Christopher and Pooh sterling silver		

Eeyore

			
<u>Blacktop China</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>		

Kanga

	
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>

Owl

			
<u>Birchcroft</u> 2020	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Blacktop China</u>	<u>Lenox</u> USA 1996
			

Piglet



Blacktop China



Lenox USA 1996



Sterling Classic



Rabbit



Blacktop China



Sterling Classic



Tigger



Blacktop China



Fort



Lenox USA 1996



Lenox USA 1996
pumpkin



Sterling Classic



Sterling Classic



THE WOMBLES OF WIMBLEDON Elizabeth Beresford 1968 (UK)



Birchcroft



The Thimble Guild 2013
40 years since the Wombles first appeared on TV

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ Frank Baum 1900 (UK)

Dorothy

 <u>Birchcroft</u> 2014 Dorothy and Lion 75 years	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and Toto movie	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and the Wicked Witch	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and the Wicked Witch
 <u>Birchcroft</u> Dorothy and the Wicked Witch	 <u>Birchcroft</u>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> Ruby slippers	 <u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 60 years
 <u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Ruby slippers 60 years	 Ruby slippers	 Ruby slippers 1990 Taiwan	

Glinda

 <u>Birchcroft</u>	 <u>Birchcroft</u> The good fairy	 <u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 60 years
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Others

 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Almira Glitch 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Cowardly Lion 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Emerald City 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Flying Monkey 60 years</p>
 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Hot air balloon 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Scarecrow 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Talking apple tree 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Tin Man 60 years</p>
 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Tin Man 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Toto in basket 60 years</p>	 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> Wicked Witch</p>	 <p><u>Comstock Creations</u> USA 2000 Wicked Witch 60 years</p>
 <p><u>Birchcroft</u> Wizard of Oz 75th anniversary 2014</p>	 <p>The Thimble Guild Wizard of Oz 75th anniversary 2014</p>	 <p><u>Wedgwood</u> 1989</p>	

OTHER BOOKS CHARACTERS



101 dalmations
Dodie Smith 1956 (UK)



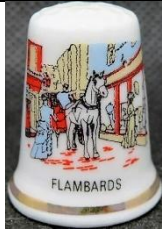
The Adventures of Blinky Bill
Dorothy Wells 1939
(Australia)
handpainted Jan Milton



Billy Bunter
Charles Hamilton 1908
(UK)
Billy Bunter of Greyfriars School
65th anniversary 2017



The Famous Five
Enid Blyton 1942 (UK)
Birchcroft



Flambards
K. M. Peyton 1967 (UK)



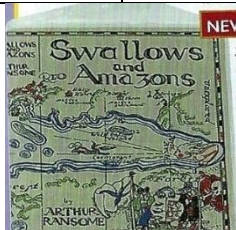
Ginger Meggs
Jim Bancks 1921
(Australia)
handpainted Jan Milton



Heidi
Johanna Spyri 1880
(Switzerland)
Reutter 1998
Peter and Heidi



Little house on the prairie
Laura Ingalls Wilder 1935
(US)
150th anniversary of her birth 2017



Swallows and amazons
Arthur Ransome 1930 (UK) 2017
book



The tiger who came to tea
Judith Kerr 1923 (Germany) 2013

NURSERY RHYMES

English, mainly from 18th century – tho one dates back over 500 years.

I have seen proverbs on thimbles as described nursery rhymes, which they aren't.

About 50% of nursery rhymes are not featured on thimbles – these seem the most popular, listed here.

As I was going to St Ives I met a man with seven wives (1730)



Baa baa black sheep have you any wool (1744)



Birchcroft



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



McMillan & Wife 1984



Moorland Miniatures



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Sterling Classic



maple wood 2003



2007



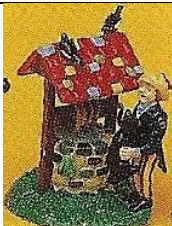
1989

Baby baby Bunting daddys gone a hunting (1784)



Francesca 1984

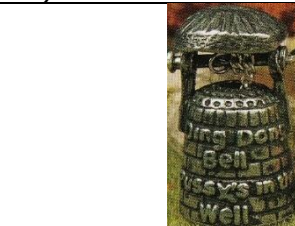
Ding dong bell pussys in the well (1580)



Minnie Maria Co 1998



Moorland Miniatures 1990



Stephen Frost Warwick Models 1996

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester (1844)

			
<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1990	
			
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	maple wood 2003	1989	2001

Georgie Porgie pudding and pie (1741)

			
<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>			

Goosey goosey gander whither shall I wander (1784)


			
<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1986	maple wood 2003	

Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle (1765)

			
<u>Boulder Bay</u> USA	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA	<u>Gail Boekel</u> USA handpainted	<u>Ketcham & McDougall</u> USA sterling silver
			
<u>Mark Models</u>	<u>Mark Models</u> 2004 2007		<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984 (L)

				
McMillan & Wife	Minnie Maria Co 1990	Nicholas Gish USA 1983		Pugwash Canada 1994
				
				Simons USA sterling silver
				
Sterling Classic	maple wood 2002	2001		2007
				
Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle 2010	The cow jumped over the moon 2010	The little dog laughed to see such fun 2010		And the dish ran away with the spoon 2010

Hickety Pickety my black hen


McMillan & Wife 1985

Hickory dickory dock the mouse ran up the clock (1744)

			
<u>Caverswall</u>	<u>Garrard & Co 1998</u> sterling silver	<u>Jacqui and David Parker</u> (Olivia) UK	<u>McMillan & Wife 1984</u>
			
<u>Moorland Miniatures 1994</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures 1991</u>	<u>Vale Wales</u>	<u>Tick tock 2007</u>

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall (1797)

			
<u>Academy Collection 1995</u>	<u>Birchcroft 1994</u>	<u>Cavalier Collectables 2007</u>	<u>James Swann & Son 1992</u> enamelled sterling silver
			
<u>John</u> handpainted Mr and Mrs	<u>Mark Models 1987</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>McMillan & Wife 1984</u>
			
<u>Minnie Maria Co 1996</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures ... and the Kings men</u>	<u>Nicholas Gish USA</u>	<u>Robert Earwicker Cottage China</u>
			
<u>Ray Nimmo UK 2020</u> sterling silver engraving Keith Raes			
	<u>Rowena Souvenirs 2005</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models L: 1996</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>

			
Thimble Craft Shirley Hewitt	maple wood 2002		resin
			
2004	2007		gold-painted apex
			
2012	2001	Pincushion Edwaring sterling silver	

Jack and Jill went up the hill (1765)

	 		
<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u> articulated	<u>Mark Models 1983</u>		<u>McMillan & Wife</u>
		 	
<u>Minnie Maria Co 1998</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures 1990</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures 1997</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>
			
maple wood 2002	2001		2007
			
	2012		

Jack be nimble Jack be quick (1815)



Enesco
resin



pewter

Jack Sprat could eat no fat (1639)



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



Moorland Miniatures 1990



1989

Ladybird ladybird fly away home (1744)



Mark Models 1997



Moorland Miniatures 2001

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep (1805)



Birchcroft



Gwahaniaeth Crafts Wales
2002



Minnie Maria Co 1998



Moorland Miniatures 1995



Moorland Miniatures



2007



2010

Little boy blue come blow your horn (1744)

			
<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA	<u>Enesco</u> resin	<u>Gwahaniaeth Crafts</u> Wales 2002	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984
			
<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1991	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>Vale</u> Wales	
			

Little Jack Horner sat in the corner (1765)

			
<u>Mark Models</u> 1987	<u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1990	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>
			
<u>Vale</u> Wales			

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet (1805)



Caverswall



Birchcroft



Enesco
resin



Enesco
resin



Mandy Page UK
polyclay



Mark Models



McMillan & Wife 1984



Moorland Miniatures



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Ray Nimmo UK 2020
sterling silver
engraving Keith Raes



maple wood 2002



2007



2001



1989

Mary had a little lamb

			
<u>Nicholas Gish</u> USA	<u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994	<u>Royal Coach</u> UK	<u>Viges</u>
			
Japan 2010	maple wood		

Mary, Mary, quite contrary how does your garden grow (1744)

			
<u>Enesco</u> resin	<u>Gwahaniaeth Crafts</u> Wales	<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan & wife</u> 1984
			
<u>Minnie Maria Co</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994
			
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u>	<u>The Thimble Guild</u> gold-painted apex 2006	<u>Vale</u> Wales	
			
maple wood 2003			
			
gold-painted apex			1988

Old King Cole was a merry old soul and a merry old soul was he (1709)



McMillan & Wife 1984



Stephen Frost Warwick Models

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard (1805)



Caverswall 1992



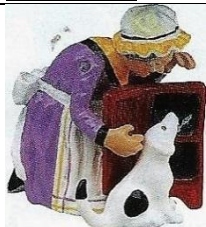
Finsbury 1998



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



McMillan & Wife



Minnie Maria Co 1996



Moorland Miniatures 1991



Thimble Craft Shirley Hewitt



VY
handpainted



gold-painted apex

Pat a cake, pat a cake bakers man (1698)



Moorland Miniatures 1994

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater had a wife and couldn't keep her (1825)



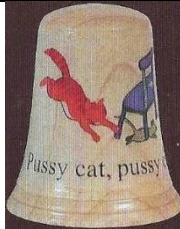
2012

Polly put the kettle on (1803)



McMillan & Wife 1985

Pussy cat, pussy cat where have you been (1805)



maple wood 2002



2001

The queen of hearts she baked some tarts (1782)



Caverswall

Ride a cock horse to Banbury Cross (1784)



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



Minnie Maria Co



gold-painted apex



1998

Ring a ring o roses a pocket full of posies (1840s)



Caverswall



Moorland Miniatures 1994



2001



maple wood 2003







2007



2014

Rock a bye baby in the tree top (1765)

			
<u>Comstock Creations USA</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Sterling Classic</u>	Hush a bye baby ... 2014

Rub a dub dub three men in a tub (1798)

			
<u>Brad Elfrink USA</u>	<u>James Swann & Son 1992</u> enamelled sterling silver	<u>McMillan & Wife 1984</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>
			
<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>VY</u> handpainted	gold-painted apex
			

See saw Margery Daw (1765)

			
<u>Carol Ann Miniatures 2016</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	2014
			

Simple Simon met a pieman (1764)

 <p><u>Enesco</u> resin</p>	 <p><u>Ray Nimmo</u> UK 2020 sterling silver engraving Keith Raes</p>	 <p>2007</p>
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Sing a song of sixpence a pocket full of rye (1744)

 <p><u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984 ... four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie</p>	 <p><u>Moorland Miniatures</u></p>	 <p><u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994</p>	 <p><u>Seagull Pewter</u> Canada 1994</p>
 <p><u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u></p>	 <p><u>Sterling Classic</u></p>	 <p>1989</p>	 <p>2007</p>

There was a crooked man and he went a crooked mile (1842)



 <p><u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1984</p>	 <p><u>Minnie Maria Co</u> 1998</p>	 <p><u>Moorland Miniatures</u></p>	 <p><u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> <u>Models</u></p>
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There was an old woman who lived in a shoe (1784)

 <p><u>McMillan & Wife</u></p>	 <p><u>McMillan & Wife</u> 1983</p>	 <p><u>Minnie Maria Co</u></p>
 <p><u>Nicholas Gish</u> USA</p>	 <p><u>Moorland Miniatures</u></p>	 <p><u>Moorland Miniatures</u></p>

			
<u>Pugwash</u> Canada 1994	<u>Robert Earwicker Cottage</u> China 1993	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA 1985	<u>Sterling Classic</u> 1994
			

This little piggy went to market (1760)

	
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>Vale</u> Wales 1989

Three blind mice, three blind mice see how they run (1609)

		
<u>Caverswall</u>	<u>Halcyon Days</u> UK	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>
		
<u>Minnie Maria Co</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u> 1997	<u>Ray Nimmo</u> UK 2020 sterling silver engraving Keith Raes
		
<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>		1609-2009 400 year anniversary
		
maple wood 2002	2001	2012

Three little kittens who lost their mittens (1841)



2012

Tom, Tom, the pipers son stole a pig and away did run (1795)



George Jones & Co UK



James Swann & Son 1992
enamelled sterling silver



Sterling Classic



Thimble Craft Shirley Hewitt 1996



McMillan & Wife 1984



gold-painted apex



1988



Wee Willie Winky runs through the town (1841)



McMillan & Wife 1984



Stephen Frost Warwick Models



FABLES AND FAIRY TALES

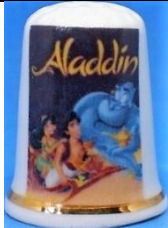
The Owl and the pussycat by Edward Lear was not written for children
Studio Steinböck's set of fairy tales contains 12 thimbles – Franklin Mints contain 25 thimbles. Both have the fairy tale portrayed all around the thimble – space here only allows for one view



Which two fairy tales are depicted on these two Franklin Mint 1982 thimbles?

Aladdin and the wonderful lamp

Middle East



Birchcroft
movie poster



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 2002
I am your genie



Lenox USA



2006



movie

Beauty and the beast

French



Birchcroft



James Swann & Son
sterling silver



Lenox USA
Beast



Lenox USA



Lenox USA



1990



Belle



movie



movie poster



The boy and the heron
 Brothers Grimm
 also known as The heron and the iris



Roger Lenain France 1970
 sterling silver

The boy who cried wolf
 Aesop
 also known as The wolf and the shepherd



Alfred Féau France 1895
 sterling silver



2006

Brer Rabbit
 African-American



Wedgwood 1989

Cinderella
 Perrault



Angela Mamontova Russia
 handpainted



Birchcroft
 movie posters



Franklin Mint USA
 1982



Lenox USA



Lenox USA



Lenox USA
Jac and Gus



Lindner Germany 1987

			
<u>Nicholas Gish</u> USA	<u>Royal Worcester</u> 1982 ballet	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick</u> Models	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA
			
<u>S.H.D.</u> USA 1985 Fairy Godmother	<u>S.H.D.</u> USA pumpkin coach	<u>Sterling Classic</u> over Ullmannsglass	
			
<u>Sterling Classic</u> Gus	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Jac	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Prince Charming	<u>Sterling Classic</u> Ugly Sisters
			
<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria enamelled	<u>Walt Disney</u> 1988	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1989	1998
			
Cinderella dancing with Prince – Ugly Sisters 2003	pumpkin coach Russian handpainted wood 2009	Fairy godmother 1995 movie	
			
Fairy Godmother	pumpkin coach	Storyland	

Dick Whittington and his cat English



Meg and John Unwin Scotland
wood



Minne Maria Miniatures



Sterling Classic

The dog and its reflection Aesop



2006

The dog and the sparrow Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

Donkey skin Perrault

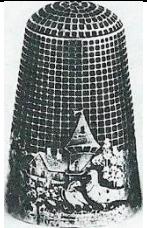


Studio Steinböck Austria 1987
enamelled



Doves Italian

also known as The two pigeons



Roger Lenain France 1910
sterling silver

The eagle and the fox

Aesop



Roger Lenain France 1910 1970
sterling silver

The elves and the shoemaker

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Ladybird book cover 2013

The fisherman and his wife

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The Fitchers bird

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The fox and the crow

Aesop

also known as The crow and the pitcher



Roger Lenain France 1970
sterling silver



2005

The fox and the stork
Aesop
also known as The fox and the crane



Roger Lenain France 1900
sterling silver

The frog prince
Brothers Grimm



Carolyn Cameron Australia
1996
breaddough



D.E 1988



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Lindner Germany 1997



Mandy Page UK
polyclay



S.D.P. 1985



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Studio Steinböck Austria
1987
enamelled



Russian handpainted wood



wood

The gingerbread man
American



Mandy Page UK
polyclay



Ladybird book cover 2013

Goldilocks and the three bears

English



Ann Sullivan UK
handpainted



Brad Elfrink USA



Danbury Mint USA



Enesco
Papa Bear – Mama Bear – Baby Bear – Lucylocks



James Swann & Son 1990
sterling silver



Whimbles by Wade UK



Wedgwood 1989



The goose girl

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA



McMillan & Wife 1984

The goose that laid the golden eggs

Aesop



Franklin Mint USA 1982



McMillan & Wife 1983
three leaf clover on apex



Nicholas Gish USA



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models 2001



2005

Hans in luck

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

Hansel and Gretel

Brothers Grimm



Birchcroft



Brad Elfrink USA



Carol Ann Miniatures 2016



Danbury Mint USA



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Lindner



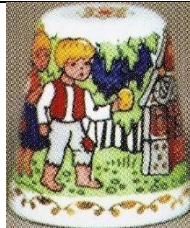
McMillan & Wife



Minnie Maria Miniatures



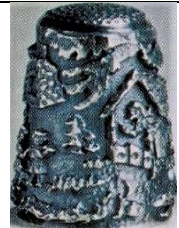
Stephen Frost Warwick Models



Studio Steinböck Austria
1987
enamelled



Sutherland 1983
b&w photo



Thorvald Greif Germany
1997
sterling silver



Wedgwood 1989



Russian handpainted wood
2009



1998

Jack and the beanstalk

Aesop



Sterling Classic



Wedgwood 1989

King Thrushbeard

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The lion and the mouse

Aesop



2005

Little Briar Rose

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The little mermaid

Hans Christian Andersen

the statue of the same name in Copenhagen thimbles, are included



Birchcroft
Ariel and book



Birchcroft
Eric and book



Birchcroft
Flounder



Birchcroft
Scuttle



Birchcroft
Sebastian



Birchcroft
Ursula



Felix Morel UK 1991



Lenox USA



Lenox USA



Hurley USA
handpainted



Moorland Pewter 1997



Royal Copenhagen
Den lille havfrue

			
<u>Siegfried Flitsch</u> 1985 <u>Kobenhavn</u>	<u>Sir Francis</u> 1988	<u>Topazio</u> Portugal silverplate	Ariel
			
movie posters	The little mermaid Copenhagen 2003		
			

Little Red Riding Hood Europe

			
<u>Ann Sullivan</u> UK handpainted	<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Brad Elfrink</u> USA	<u>Danbury Mint</u> USA
			
<u>Enesco</u> Little Red Riding Hood – Big bad wolf- Grandma – Woodcutter	<u>Enesco</u>	<u>Franklin Mint</u> USA 1982	<u>Justin Levi</u> France 1910s sterling silver
			
<u>Mary Tyler Castings</u> UK stacking	<u>Minnie Maria Miniatures</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>	<u>Robert Earwicker</u> Cottage <u>China</u> 1994

			
<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria 1987 enamelled	<u>VY</u> 1988 handpainted	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1989	
			
Russian handpainted wood 1999	Russian handpainted wood 2011	Russian handpainted wood	handpainted
			
Hull style			

The milkmaid and her pail

Aesop


<u>Roger Lenain</u> France 1970 sterling silver

The monkey and the cat

Fontaine


<u>Rene Lorillon</u> France 1913 sterling silver

The monkey and the magic lantern

Florian



Justin Lenain France 1970 restrike
sterling silver

Mother Holle

Brothers Grimm

also known as Mother Hulde



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Studio Steinböck Austria 1987
enamelled

The peasants wise daughter

Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The Pied Piper of Hamelin

Brothers Grimm



McMillan & Wife



Wedgwood 1989

The princess and the pea

Hans Christian Andersen



Heirloom Editions USA



McMillan & Wife 1987



Stephen Frost Warwick
Models



Puss in Boots Europe

			
<u>A E Williams</u> UK 2004	<u>Carol Ann Miniatures</u> 2016	<u>Danbury Mint</u> USA	<u>Freiberger</u> Germany
			
<u>James Swann & Sons</u> 1992 sterling silver	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Lindner</u> Germany 1997	<u>Minnie Maria Miniatures</u>
			
<u>Roger Lenain</u> France 1970 sterling silver	<u>Stephen Frost Warwick Models</u>	<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria 1987 enamelled	<u>Whimbles by Wade</u> UK
			
Movie 2011	Russian bronze	Russian handpainted wood 2004	Russian handpainted wood 2009

The queen bee Brothers Grimm


<u>Franklin Mint</u> USA 1982

Rapunzel

Brothers Grimm

			no photo
Franklin Mint USA 1982	Lenox USA 1994	Moorland Miniatures	Lenox USA
			

Rumpelstiltskin

Brothers Grimm

			
Brad Elfrink USA	Franklin Mint USA 1982	Lindner Germany 1997	Studio Steinböck Austria 1987 enamelled
			
	Wedgwood 1989		

Sleeping Beauty

French























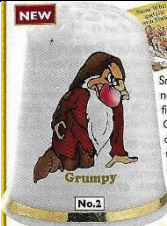
			
Birchcroft Fauna	Birchcroft Good Fairy Flora	Birchcroft Maleficent	Birchcroft Merryweather
			
Birchcroft Prince Phillip	Birchcroft Princess Aurora	Birchcroft Sleeping Beauty	Birchcroft movie poster

			
<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 sterling silver	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>McMillan & Wife</u>	<u>Moorland Miniatures</u>
			
<u>Museum Collection</u>	<u>Royal Worcester</u> 1982 ballet	<u>Sterling Classic</u> over Ullmannsglass	<u>Studio Steinböck</u> Austria 1987 enamelled
			
<u>Sutherland</u> 1983 b&w photo	<u>Wedgwood</u> 1989		Russian handpainted wood 1999

Snow White and the seven dwarfs

Brothers Grimm

			
<u>Birchcroft</u>	<u>Cornish Enamels</u>	<u>Franklin Mint</u> USA 1982	<u>James Swann & Son</u> 1992 sterling silver
			
<u>Lenox</u> USA with fawn	<u>Lenox</u> USA Dopey Doc	<u>Lenox</u> USA fawn	<u>Lenox</u> USA witch
			
<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Lenox</u> USA	<u>Reutter</u>	<u>Reutter</u>

	no photo		
Schmid	Sterling Classic Bashful	Sterling Classic Doc	Sterling Classic Dopey
		no photo	
Sterling Classic Grumpy	Sterling Classic	Sterling Classic Sleepy	Sterling Classic Sneezy
			
Sterling Classic on Ullmann glass	Sterling Classic	Sterling Classic	Studio Steinböck Austria 1987 enameled
			
VY 1988 handpainted	Walt Disney 1988	Wedgwood 1989	Russian handpainted wood 2003
			 Bashful
Russian handpainted wood 1999	2009		
			 Doc
			 Dopey
			 Grumpy
			

						
Happy				Sleepy		
						
Sneezy				forest friends		fawn
						
						
			1988			80 years since movie produced

Star money Brothers Grimm

		
Franklin Mint USA 1982	Studio Steinböck Austria 1987 enamelled	

The three little pigs English

			
McMillan & Wife	Wedgwood 1989	2003	Ladybird book cover 2013

Thumbelina
Hans Christian Andersen



Nicholas Gish USA
gilt apex set



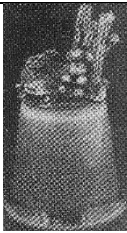
2005

Tom Thumb
English



Roger Lenain France 1970
sterling silver

The tortoise and the hare
Aesop



Nenthorn UK 2006
b&w photo



Roger Lenain France 1970
sterling silver



2005

Town musicians of Bremen
Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982



Studio Steinböck Austria 1987
enamelled



Thorvald Grief Germany 1988
sterling silver
limited to **500**

Trusty John
Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The ugly duckling
Hans Christian Andersen



2005

The wolf and seven kids
Brothers Grimm



Franklin Mint USA 1982

The wolf and the lamb
Aesop



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