# Christmas thimbles A-M

I used to have a thimble stall at a series of collectables fairs where one of the pre-requisites was to produce a display. The fairs were themed and one of my most popular displays featured Christmas thimbles. It was fairly simple, using a small Christmas tree as the backdrop and displaying the colourful thimbles that usually depict Christmas. From that display seeds were sown as to how easy it was to have a collection within a collection. Thimble collecting with a theme is really popular. One of the most collectable is the annual Christmas thimble.

Commemorative thimbles have to always include a date. However, not all Christmas thimbles are commemoratives. So, I will be including both Christmas commemoratives and those just with a Christmas theme.

It is often difficult to establish a start and/or finish date for a specific series - hence this alphabetic listing. This series of thimbles is not confined to china, ceramic or porcelain: it also includes pewter, sterling silver and wood.

Almost every thimble maker in the collectables' thimble era (1970s-) has attempted at least one Christmas thimble. **235** are featured to date (2024)

The Twelve days of Christmas sets are not included. Some of the brands below are not dated, but they originate for the specific Christmas listed. Hand-painted Christmas thimbles by single artists (even with no date) are included here - so that they are not lost.

You may not agree but I have included snowmen thimbles. They fit in with the theme. They are usually figurals.

The topics covered in this massive cross-section of Christmas thimbles are as broad as nativity scenes and others from the Bible, with the holy family; angels, carol singing, santa and snowmen; snowy scenes with tobogganing, gift giving, Christmas stockings of toys, decorating the Christmas tree: churches large and small; décor associated with the Christmas period like holly and mistletoe, candles and Christmas bells and the Christmas star.

You will notice many decals appear on more than one brand!!

Where only the initials are known, the thimblemaker will be filed under the last of the initials ie JS will be filed at the start of the S section – unless the initials are the name of the brand (MG and MOT file in the M section).

Right at the end of the alphabetical listing, there is a section of unknown makers, tho the Christmas thimbles are dated.

Additionally, there is now a section that are undated and have no known maker. Where the thimble isn't actually dated, I have used square brackets around the date, so that there is some record of when it was created.

Please share if you know details of the maker.

# Abbey China England, china



# Christmas 1994

garland

# **Randa Ahmet** (Unique Design) Egypt – various materials

<b>Christmas</b> [2011] tree brass		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> tree carved bone
<b>Christmas</b> [2011] glass	le NEW	<b>Christmas</b> [2012] tree beads

### **Coral Albee**

California, USA, handpainted porcelain she painted Christmas thimbles for 15 years

	Christmas 1978 church in snow		Christmas 1981 snowman scene
	Christmas 1978	no photo	<b>Christmas 1986</b> 'Carrying home the tree'
Christm 1978 bow with holly	125		Christmas 1987 snowmen
	Christmas 1980 snow scene		Christmas 1990 covered bridge

Christmas 1981	

#### Albertine

England, china

SAVE.	Merry Christmas 1994 beads & simulated pearls	
Christmas		

### David Andersen

Denmark, sterling silver & enamel

in 1986, David Andersen started production of a series of six Christmas thimbles, to match his Christmas spoons. The other designs planned were Candle, Christmas garland, Christmas tree, Christmas bell & holly. Were these ever produced?

<b>Christmas 1986</b> heart	

# Dot Andrews (Thimbella, Paris Creek Pottery)

Meadows, South Australia, pewter figurals atop her handmade porcelain bases. She died in 2013

	Christmas undated various santa & related figurals	
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# Hazel Armstrong

UK

2e 25	<b>Christmas 2012</b> santa atop glass created by The Thimble Guild craft studio		
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**Arta** Vienna, Austria, handpainted enamel



**Christmas** *undated* angel



**Christmas** *undated* santa with reindeer on his sleigh

# Artmark

Chicago Ltd, USA, porcelain

<b>Christmas 1990</b> snowman figural	

# Audre

California, USA, bone china

Christmas 1982 squirrels at the tree	HOLLY #	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> holly
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# Avalon

Staffordshire, bone china

a trib t and	Christmas 1982 candles	
TIMAS 198		

#### Avon USA, porcelain self-patterned apex with snowflake

Christmas 1981 children in snow	<b>Christmas 1983</b> children opening gifts
<b>Christmas 1982</b> children decorating tree	Christmas 1984 children

# BB

clay

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> manger		
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### KB

wood

<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa	

#### **B** China

Scotland, china

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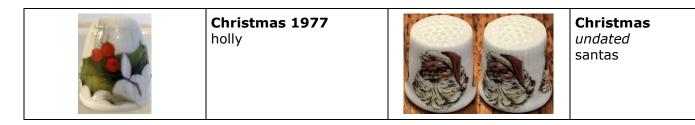
### John Ball

#### England, pewter modeller for <u>McMillan & Wife</u> also worked for <u>Caverswall</u>

Christmas [1988] holly		
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# Bareuther

Waldsassen, Bavaria, Germany, porcelain



# **Bead Loom Gallery**

Bellevue, WA, USA - beads

	Christmas [2013]	
Contraction of the second		

# **Debbie Beam**

Edgecomb, Maine, USA, handpainted wood mainly features differently portrayed Christmas trees



1996						
	Christmas 1987		Christmas 1994			
	Christmas 1989 - i	1995	Christmas 1995			

Villing 1989	Christmas 1989 - ii stockings over fireplace	atti	Christmas 1996
199.0	Christmas 1990	P a l	Christmas 1997
	Christmas 1991		Christmas 1998
1992	Christmas 1992	Neth	<b>Christmas</b> [1998] handpainted church pewter
Contraction of the second	Christmas 1993		

Judy Bender USA, handpainted wood

<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa	

# Betsy USA, handpainted porcelain

Christmas 1990 santa head figural	
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# Bing & Grondahl Denmark, porcelain

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

Christmas 1978	Christmas 1984
Christmas 1979	Christmas 1985
Christmas 1980	Christmas 1986
Christmas 1981	Christmas 1987
Christmas 1982	Christmas 1988
Christmas 1983	

# **Birchcroft/Bronte**

England, bone china Bronte is one of Birchcroft's backstamps

	Christmas 1987 madonna & child		CHRISTMAS 2004		<b>Chr</b> lant	<b>istmas 2001</b> ern
a star	<b>Christmas 1989</b> 'They followed a star'	HISTMAS 200				<b>istmas 2002</b> dy bear <sup>1999</sup>
	<b>Christmas 1989</b> `Gold frankincense & myrrh'		HISTMAS 2011			<b>istmas 2003</b> istmas rose & y
vistmas vistmas vistmas vistmas vistmas vistmas vistmas vistmas vistmas vistmas			Christmas 1990 ive different decals	5	6	Merry Christmas 2016
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Christmas 1002	Christmas 1992 robins		MERHY AS		<b>lerry Ch</b> hristmas	r <b>istmas 2018</b> gift
1992 Christmas	Christmas 1992 candle with fir branches		142-55 MERE 2020	a 2	Happy 020	r <b>istmas and New Year</b> a in sleigh

1992 Christmas	<b>Christmas 1992</b> Madonna & child stai glass	ned HAPPY	A Happy Christmas 2021
Christmas	Christmas 1993 toy train		<b>Christmas</b> [2021] silver tree affixed to flat side
1994 LIPHA CIRISTMAS	Christmas 1994 wreath		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> robin with holly
LE AL THIMBLER	<b>A Merry Xmas 199</b> 'To all thimblers'	5	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa
thrisImas.	Christmas 1996 candle		Merry Xmas undated candle with fir cones
UNISTRAS 15	Christmas 1999 teddy bear Bronte backstamp see 2002	and set of 3	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> 'Santa Claus' 'Xmas trees holly & mistletoe'
HIS TALAS IN	<b>Christmas 1999</b> wreath Bronte backstamp		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> 'Santa's store'
Ser ser	<b>Christmas 2000</b> bell Bronte backstamp		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> 'Santa's gift shop'
CHRISTMAS 201	Christmas 2001		Christmas undated trumpet with holly

# Jenny Blair Designs

York, England, frosted glass cased in silver - some handpainted glass

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

<b>Christmas</b> [1990] Christmas roses handpainted glass		<b>Christmas</b> [1991] mistletoe holly & berrie handpainted glass	
	Christmas 1991 bells		

# **Blacktop China**

England, fine bone china



Christmas 1995-6 thimbles

# **Blue Waters**

England, fine bone china



Noel [1987] lettered decoration over four thimbles with Holly Hobby children gold apex see also: Finsbury

# **Gail Boekel**

Florida, USA, handpainted porcelain her earlier thimbles marked with her initials GTB





Christmas Cookies 1991 with recipe on verso china



Merry

1992

gift

ribboned

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Christmas

**Tony Bouchet** St Ouen Jersey, UK, agateware pottery



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1985 hristmas	Christmas 1985	Christmas 1993	Christmas 1993
	Christmas 1986 tree on verso	Christmas 1994	Christmas 1994
Christman Obsist	Christmas 1987 two different colours	tristma 1995	Christmas 1995
Christmas 1988	Christmas 1988		Christmas 1996
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Christmas 1990	Christmas 1990	christm 998	Christmas 1998 limited edition of 400
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Christmas 1992



Christmas 2000 limited edition of 2000

### **Border Fine Arts Studio**

UK

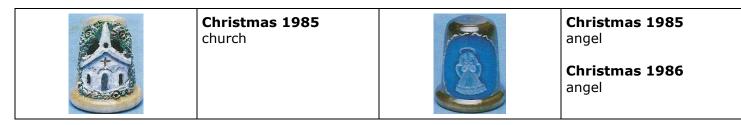
	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> snowmen with Christmas tree		
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#### Boulder Bay (Wanda Ralston) USA, clay

Christmas undated Christmas tree		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> sparkly penguin santa with gift
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# Gary & Trish Braatz

California, USA, handpainted birchwood Gary does the carving, Trish the handpainted decor



# Gigi Branch

Devon UK, handpainted porcelain Gigi learnt her painting skills at Limoges in France



**Christmas 1983** golden holly limited edition of 100, signed (Gigi) & dated this lacy painted effect is a difficult skill



Christmas 1983 carollers

# **Brylian Porcelain**

USA, handpainted absorbed by Heirloom Editions

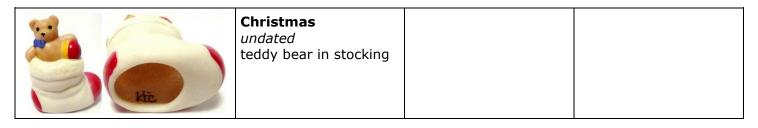
Christmas undated holly		
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# $\begin{array}{c} Jacqui \; Carey \; (JC) \\ \text{handpainted wood} \end{array}$

CHRISTMAN 1989	CHRISTMAS	<b>Christmas 1989</b> holly		
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# Judy Kr**č**

Snohomish, USA, handpainted clay Judy stopped painting thimbles in 2010



# **Caledonian Crystal**

Scotland, glass

<b>Christmas</b> [2001] robin	

# **Caroline Cameron**

South Australia, breaddough on china

<b>Christmas 1996</b> Thimbelina fairy for the top of tree	

#### Peter Carver England, handpainted china



**Christmas 2013** a few examples

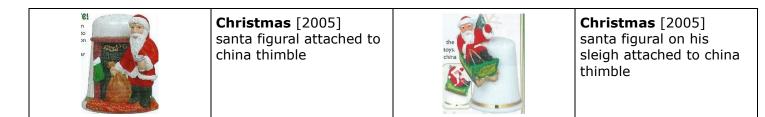
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England, china

ro si	<b>Christmas 1980</b> obin similar decal to Highland China		
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# **Cavalier Collectables**

England, handpainted pewter on china see also: <u>Sterling Classic</u>



# Caverswall

England, china most have a robin & holly on the verso

<b>Xmas</b> <i>undated</i> flying Santa		<b>Merry Christmas</b> [1985] handpainted snowman with black china hat
Christmas 1977 coach & inn signed by <u>Mary</u> <u>Grant</u>	1986	Christmas 1986 umbrella'd couple gold snowflake patterned apex
Christmas 1978 couple skating signed by <u>Mary Grant</u>	bistmas 1981	<b>Christmas 1987</b> coach in street scene gold snowflake patterned apex

Physical Parts of the second s	<b>Christmas 1979</b> children tobogganing	Automatica	Christmas 1988 snow skating scene gold snowflake patterned apex
	<b>Christmas 1980</b> carollers signed by <u>M. Grant</u>	Christmas 1989	<b>Christmas 1989</b> winter bridge scene gold snowflake patterned apex
almost 195	<b>Christmas 1981</b> plum pudding & Christmas tree	Christmas 199	<b>Christmas 1990</b> decorating the tree gold snowflake patterned apex
Coristmas, 1982	<b>Christmas 1982</b> family decorating the tree	Christmas 1	<b>Christmas 1991</b> skating couple gold snowflake patterned apex
Chr	Christmas 1982 family with gifts	End 194	<b>Christmas 1992</b> family decorating snowman gold snowflake patterned apex
Christine Christine	Christmas 1983 sleigh scene signed by John Ball	Winas 1992	<b>Christmas 1992</b> family decorating snowman gold snowflake patterned apex the Thimble Collectors Club & has a different verso with bells & holly
Christmas Constants	<b>Christmas 1984</b> santa in sleigh	Etmas 1993	<b>Christmas 1993</b> santa with children gold snowflake patterned apex produced for the Thimble Collectors Club
istmas 190	Christmas 1985 family carollers	istmas 1995	<b>Christmas 1993</b> santa with children gold snowflake patterned apex

#### Ceil handpainted wood

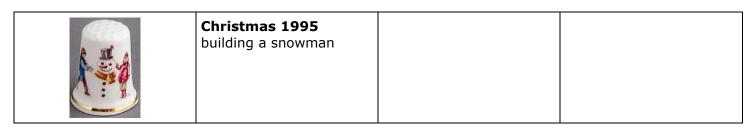


# Christmas 1988

robin with holly

# **J&S Chown**

Hayle, Cornwall, England, china John Chown was the founder of Caverswall



# Coalport

England, bone china

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



### Constantia

South Africa, china

THE STARS WE	Christmas 1982 Mary & baby Jesus in gold	

# **Cornish Enamels**

Helston, Cornwall, enamelled

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



**Christmas 1996** robin red breast

# Cottage Thimbles England, china

CHRISTMAS 2001	Christmas 2005 holly wreath	HRISTMAS 200	<b>Christmas 2009</b> skater
TAGE THIMBLE	<b>Christmas 2006</b> holly	Cottage Thimbles Christmas 2014	Christmas 2014
CHRISTMAS 200	Christmas 2008 bells		

### **Crown Staffs**

England, china

no photo	Christmas 1979 holly		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> Christmas rose & poinsettia
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**Nigel Creed** England, handpainted china gilded by Master Gilder <u>Ken Russell</u>

Christmas [1990] holly	

# S.H.D

US, handpainted pewter

	Christmas 1985 house with santa climbing roof separates to show xmas toys		
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 $Betty \ Daley \\ \text{US, handpainted porcelain } \mathbb{C}$ 



#### Christmas 1982

lamb

# **Gili Davis**

South Africa, porcelain handpainted (from 1986 on her own thimbles) Died 2015 only signed 'Gili'



985	Merry Christmas 1985 santa in his car	Christmas 1996 snow scene all round
Christma 1985	Christmas 1985 holly atop	Christmas 1997 bells & ribbons red rhinestone holly
	Christmas 1986 angel	Christmas 1998 teddy bear
008	Christmas 1987 candle	Christmas 1999 mouse with sewing tools
1988	<b>Christmas 1988</b> poinsettia limited edition of 30 lilac porcelain	Christmas 2000 child with castle in snow

	Christr holly with cha berries	mas 1988 Implevé				Christmas 2001 snow scene
Joseph Hand	<b>Christr</b> dove	nas 1988		2002	Christmas 2 three kings	2002
CHRISTMA 1988	Christr holly & limited t	<b>mas 1988</b> flower to 30				Blessings 2003 snowman
	<b>Christmas 1</b> flowers	989	there is a second secon		Christmas 20 tree red `gem' atop	
990	Christm dove gold paint	<b>as 1990</b> ed apex			Christmas 20 Christmas gno	
	Christmas 1 nativity	991			Christmas 20 holly	006
	Christmas 1 tree limited edition			2007		Christmas 2007 robin
1993	Christmas 1993 holly				<b>Christmas 20</b> nativity	008
	<b>Christmas 1</b> poinsettia	994		and the second sec	Christmas 20 star	009





# De Grazia

Tillite Prayer: The Constitutes and the Constitut	Christmas undated 'Little Prayer The Christmas Angel' 'Artists of the world' limited edition of 2500	
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# Val de Vries

Clare, South Australia, handpainted porcelain or wood



Stimes 20		Chris 2001 snow scene cottag	e with		Christmas 2005 candle
	<b>Christmas 2001</b> snowman wood		Chrisi Thimble i sunshine p very best en sn fe fe fe fe	Christmas 'O come al church	<b>s 2006</b> I ye faithful
ary Christm	<b>Christmas 2001</b> bears	Vries Australian sends her ze white e y		<b>Christma</b> snowman	
	Christmas 2002 snowman			Merry Ch undated candle holly on ve wood	

	Christmas 2002 church opalescent finish	Christmas undated santa birch wood
	Christmas 2002 candle wood	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> Christmas stockings
Christma 2003	<b>Christmas 2003</b> gifts	Christmas undated candles wood
	Christmas 2005 house & trees in snow	

**Dorothy DeLong** Missouri, USA, handpainted porcelain she painted for <u>Heirloom Editions</u> in 1980s

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> sleigh scene	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> sleigh scene
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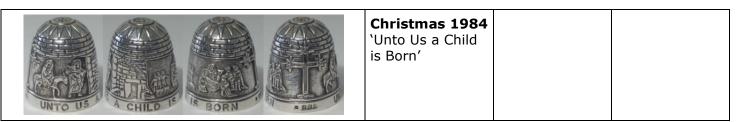
Joan Dodge Alexander, Maine, USA, handpainted wood

	<b>Christmas 1997</b> tree	Christmas 2004 winter scene or Christmas
	<b>Christmas 1998</b> tree	<b>Christmas 2005</b> winter scene or Christmas
2001	Christmas 2001 tree & snowman	<b>Christmas 2006</b> winter scene or Christmas
	<b>Christmas 2001</b> candy canes	Christmas undated tree & fireplace
	<b>Christmas 2003</b> fireplace	Christmas undated carollers
	<b>Christmas 2003</b> winter scene or Christmas	

### Michael I Dorman-Brailsford

London, England, Britannia silver

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



#### Downs

silver plated with hand-enamelled blue Delft plaque showing Dutch churches. There is a parallel series with commercial colourful Christmas scenes or gilt thimbles. The base thimbles vary over the years

Christmas 1979 santa with tree		Christmas 1985
Christmas 1979 Bartholomew Church Schoonhaven		Christmas 1986 Church of Thorn
<b>Christmas 1980</b> St Laurentius Bergambacht	26 Christmas	<b>Christmas 1986</b> santa `checking his list' <u>Norman Rockwell</u>
<b>Christmas 1981</b> New Church of Amsterdam		Christmas 1987
Christmas 1982		Christmas 1988 Church of Thorn
Christmas 1982 Norman Rockwell multicoloured		<b>Christmas 1994</b> Loving Woman Church Dordrecht
Christmas 1983		<b>Christmas 1995</b> Old Parish Church Limbracht
Christmas 1983 Norman Rockwell multicoloured		<b>Christmas 1996</b> Molkwerum Church Province of Friesland

Christman	Christmas 1984	<b>Christmas 1997</b> St John the Baptist Church of Roosendaal
	Christmas 1984 Norman Rockwell multicoloured	<b>Christmas 1998</b> St Ursula Church in Warmenhuizen

# Nancy Drane

Arizona, USA, china

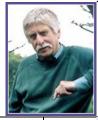
Christmas 1996 poinsettia & pine cone	

#### **Dubi** Czech Republic, china

<b>Christmas 2004</b> Bohemian Christmas	

# Dunheved

Cornwall England, fine bone china handpainted by <u>Derek Wilson</u> thimbles are large



	Christmas 1987 robin & holly	Christmas 2000 snowman & robin
1 Alexandre	<b>Christmas 1988</b> reindeer	<b>Christmas 2000</b> Christmas robin

	Christmas 1989 pheasants		Christmas 2001 red squirrel
	Christmas 1990 Christmas rose mistletoe & holly		Christmas 2001 pheasant
CHRISTWAS 1990	Christmas 1990 snowman	Contraction of the second	Christmas 2002 blue tit
	<b>Christmas 1991</b> penguin		Christmas 2002 blackbird
and the second	Christmas 1992 polar bears		Christmas 2005 robins & mistletoe
	Christmas 1993 church		Christmas 2005 Christmas robin & village
	Christmas 1994 turkey		Christmas 2005 robin & Christmas rose
	Christmas 1994 tobogganing snowman		<b>Christmas</b> [2006] partridge with rabbit
	Christmas 1995 robin red breast	T PED PO 8 MARK	Christmas [2006] robin & house
	Christmas 1996 hare & robin	Re a b b c Song Thoub	Christmas [2006] thrush & holly

	Christmas 1997 snowman & robin	B B B	<b>Christmas</b> [2007] robin with Christmas roses
	Christmas 1997 robin & church		<b>Christmas</b> [2008] `Silent Night' tawny owl
LAND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND	Christmas 1998 boy & snow-covered house		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> building a snowman
A ALTONA	Christmas 1999 church & sheep		Christmas undated robin & blue tit
	Christmas 2000 shepherds & star of Bethlehem		

L.E USA, handpainted porcelain

Christmas 1984 santa on roof limited to 2000	

Sally Eaglesham UK, china designer for <u>The Thimble Guild</u> in Scotland

Christm robin	as 2005	<b>Christmas 2005</b> baby in a manger with animals
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# **Robert Earwicker**

China Cottage, Cornwall, England, handpainted Cornish clay

<b>Christmas 1984</b> or <b>1989</b> snowman figural	Christmas 1989 hooded santa
<b>Christmas 1985</b> cottage shape with holly	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa figural

#### Brad Elfrink Missouri, USA, Siberian fossil bone

<u>Elvenkrafte Studio</u>

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa with toys and chimney		
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#### USA, porcelain

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### Enesco

USA/Taiwan, handpainted bisque porcelain or pewter see also <u>Precious Moments</u> Christmas set by Enesco under [P]

	<b>Christmas</b> <b>1979</b> owl atop tree stump				Christmas 1987 set of 8 figurals nativity Joseph, Mary & Baby Jesus
1973		r <b>istmas 1979</b> iirrel atop tree stump	Lesus Bre me Brer	<b>Christma</b> `Jesus gav heart' atop	e me a new

1979	<b>Christmas 1979</b> racoon atop tree stump	Christmas 1988 cat atop
	Christmas 1980 choirgirl figural	Christmas 1988 Joseph, Mary & Jesus in crib atop Paul L Connolly
	Merry Christmas 1983 red cardinal atop	Christmas 1991 articulated tree handpainted pewter
Professional Pro-	Christmas 1983 figural atop pewter	Christmas 1991 articulated chest handpainted pewter
1985	Christmas 1985 boy with stocking atop	Christmas undated rocking horse atop sprigs of holly
	Christmas 1985 teddy bear atop	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa with bugle figural
	Christmas 1986 santa head stein	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> bells
	<b>Christmas 1986</b> bear cub atop with red & blue drum xmas wreath around rim	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa with his tree & staff atop
	Christmas 1986 shepherd atop	Christmas undated teddy bear atop with 'LOVE' heart holly around rim

	Christmas 1986 girl with her teddy bear		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa with lantern & sack figural
	Christmas 1986 jack-in-a-box bear atop		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa atop
	<b>Christmas 1986</b> drummer bear atop Lucy Rigg		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> green santa atop
1987	Christmas 1987 Christmas angel bear atop		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> snowman
	<b>Christmas 1987</b> Garfield santa figural		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> 'My special friend' figural with tree
	<b>Christmas</b> [1990] 'Because I Believe I Rejoice' holy family all round		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> `Grandma' figural with gift
	Christmas red tradition santas white traditi santas all at handpainted <u>Grossman</u>	nal ional top	Christmas undated 'Mother' figural

# **Eugenie** Arrowsic, Maine, USA, glass

tree atop
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# **Fenton China**

England, fine bone china

Reg.	<b>Christmas 1982</b> santa		<b>Christ</b> robin	:mas 1984
	Christmas 1983 santa with sack	NET PRESENTE WDD HIM GITS AD, FRANKINSS AND MYRRE MATTHEW 2:11		mas 1990 presented unto him
				Christmas undated holly & mistletoe

# Finsbury China England

	<b>Christmas 1982</b> carollers also exists without a backstamp	<b>Christmas 1984</b> robin in holly 'Cumberland Hotel'
Christmas 1983	Christmas 1983 snowman	<b>Christmas</b> [2005] pair: holly – poinsettia gold apex
	<b>Christmas 1983</b> snowman	<b>Christmas</b> [2006] pair: holly – poinsettia gold apex



# Fiskcars (Walmart)

USA, china

2000	Holiday 2000 children tobogganing	

Siegfried Flitsch Pforzheim, Germany, silver-plated and enamel with Hummel scenes from 1984 Ars Edition Limited Editions

Christing	Merry Christmas 1983 is this the correct thimble?	Christmas 1987 holy family
	<b>Christmas 1984</b> santa	<b>Christmas 1988</b> Iantern
	<b>Christmas 1984</b> tree	Christmas 1989 candle with deer
	Christmas 1984 angels	Christmas 1990 carollers

<b>Christmas 1985</b> 'Guiding light'	<b>Christmas 1991</b> The renewal
<b>Christmas 1986</b> violin	<b>Christmas 1992</b> trumpeter
Christmas 1987 candle	

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#### USA, pewter

Merry Christmas undated wreath atop		
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# John Frame

UK, glass (was this wrongly attributed – may be by John Spray?)

<b>Christmas</b> [2001] Christmas candle & napkin ring	

# **Franklin Mint**

sterling silver

most have a wreath with the date, a bird & a Christmas symbol

	<b>Christmas</b> <b>1982</b> flowers	Christmas 1985 tree, robin & mistletoe
Notestime 1953	Christmas 1983 poinsettias & bells	<b>Christmas 1986</b> fir cones, deer & squirrel



Stephen Frost (Warwick Models) England, handpainted pewter, many articulated previously a modeller with <u>McMillan & Wife</u> – see MW for earlier examples rarely are these thimbles dated – & they keep being reissued – earliest known date used



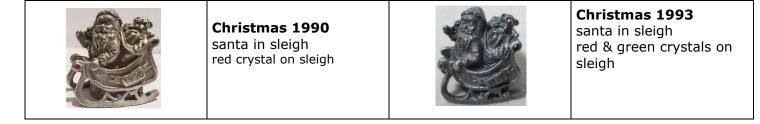
pewter miniature painter			
	<b>Christmas</b> [1992] snowman with pipe & brollie		Seasons Greetings [2001] robin with scarf on holly atop different bases
	Christmas [1992] santa bear atop - toys around rim		Merry Christmas [2001] santa down the chimney
	[19 `Aw	ay in a ager' art-	Christmas [2001] 'Carol Song Book' that opens R: unpainted
	<b>Christmas</b> [1992] tree		<b>Christmas</b> [2001] santa atop chimney with sack on a chain
	<b>Christmas</b> [1992] santa	2003	Christmas 2003 crystals as holly
JTE OUTEN	<b>Christmas</b> [1993] santa in sleigh		Merry Christmas [2004] santa robin atop different colour lettering

<b>Christmas 1995</b> 'Sint en Pieterman' – santa & his servant		<b>Christmas</b> [2004] Christmas tree in a pot atop
<b>Christmas</b> [1997] The First Noel [carol]		<b>Christmas</b> [2005] 'Carols', singers atop with lamp
Christmas [1997] undated stocking with toys		Christmas [2005] candlestick holder atop holly
Christmas santa in rein sleigh		Christmas 2008 crystals
<b>Christmas</b> [1999] angel atop different bases with unknown lettering at R		Christmas undated xmas pudding
<b>Christmas</b> [2000] holly & mistletoe (suspended from hook on top that lifts off) Swarovski crystals		Christmas undated santa with bell
<b>Christmas</b> [2001] Mr Snowman figural		
	ATTENTION OF THE PARTY OF THE P	Christmas undated 'Hark! the Herald angels sing' with L: Swarovski crystals

# VTG USA, handpainted porcelain

1978	<b>Christmas 1978</b> tree	<b>Christmas 1981</b> tree
	<b>Christmas 1997</b> tree	

#### **Gallo** (E Vincent) USA, pewter



# $Ganz \\ \mbox{Taiwan, handpainted pewter}$

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> Christmas bell shape		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> stocking shape
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# Gimbel & Sons

Maine, USA, china

and the second sec	Christmas 2011 Christmas stocking this fine bone china thimble was made in England for Gimbel		
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# **Ginnie** (Virginia Wellman) USA, handpainted porcelain



#### Christmas 1980 santa owl

#### Nicholas C Gish

New Jersey, USA, pewter. Died 2006







#### **D** Glans USA, handpainted porcelain



Christmas 1982

fir cones

#### Gorham

USA, fine china with gold-painted apex the scenes are from Norman Rockwell

GORHAM 1979 Christman	Christmas 1979 snowman	GORHAM 1981 Christma	Christmas 1981 white santa &gifts
	<b>Christmas 1980</b> Tiny Tim	CORHAN CORHAN 1952 Chuidinni	<b>Christmas 1982</b> musicians

### **Peter Gosling**

England, bone china

Jung the state	<b>Merry Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> holly		
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#### **Thorvald Greif**

Germany, sterling silver



**Christmas** [1998] Christmas carol music



**Christmas** [2005] bells, tree, gifts

# **Gwahaniaeth Crafts** (Doris & Bryn Weightman) Wales, handpainted clay over metal – mainly figural

	Christmas [1992] santa & Rudolph	but takes his sack him too! A metal into a Christr G	Christmas [2006] santa on sleigh
	<b>Christmas</b> [1993] Little Helper	fis has bina by ar	Christmas [2006] Snow queen
	<b>Christmas</b> [1994] Christmas pudding	Res	Christ mas         [2007]         The         nativity         set of 8
SAVE £1.50		stmas [1996] 's boot	Christmas undated santa
	Christmas [2000] Christmas angel	b SAVE £1	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> robin
	<b>Christmas</b> [2001] golly santa		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> Christmas gnome
	<b>Christmas</b> [2002] golly chef with xmas pudding		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> Christmas gnome
	Christmas [2005] santa teapot		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa handpainted by Bryn 1980s

## Hallmark

USA

Christmas 1990 tree china, bell-shaped	in w	<b>Christmas 1995</b> 'Alice in Wonderland' painted pewter
Christmas 1991 band of holly & mistletoe china, bell-shaped	en Ward	Christmas 1997 'White Rabbit' painted pewter
Christmas 1992 teddy bear china, bell-shaped	a sa ta	Christmas 1996 'Mad Hatter' painted pewter
Christmas 1993 poinsettia china, bell-shaped	ziñ Wande,	Christmas 1998 'Cheshire Cat' painted pewter

# Hanbridge Fine Ceramics England made by <u>Sutherland</u>

CINETS INTO A CONTRACT OF A CO	<b>Christmas 2003</b> santa with gifts	

#### **Robert Hands**

Edinburgh, handmade and engraved glass

Merry Christmas 1989	

#### Harcourt China (Chris Burns)

England, handpainted china

	Christmas 1991 madonna & child		
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#### Walter Hasenfus

USA, spun glass

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> tree atop		
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## Hazrah (Safinah, Mariam and Sarah) (Souvenir Casting Ltd)

St Louis, Mauritius, handmade and handpainted bronze

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



Healacraft China (Neil Higgins) England, handpainted china



Christmas [1983] choristers limited to 250 b&w photo



**Christmas** [1983] snowman limited to 250 b&w photo

#### **Heirloom Editions**

California, USA, bisque porcelain see also: <u>Tasia</u>

and agen Char	part of seri	before	away to the un away to the u	the window	Christmas 1983 'Away to the window' handpainted by Joann Hall part of series: 'Twas the Night before Christmas
Not a creature war south the	use staring	Christmas [1983] 'Not a creature was stirring' handpainted by Joann Hall part of series: 'Twas the Night before Christmas	the care	handpainted	chimney' l by <u>Joann Hall</u> s: `Twas the Night
the of Sugar Put	Sugar plumb	Christmas [1983] 'Visions of sugar plums ' handpainted by Joann Hall part of series: 'Twas the Night before Christmas	Weite opening hur de Predelee opening	a string his pack	Christmas 1983 'A peddler opening his pack' handpainted by Joann Hall part of series: 'Twas the Night before Christmas
Merry Christm	Merry Ch 1983 poinsettia		Merry Christer	Merry C 1983 holly	Christmas
		ed in enamel		1988	Christmas 1988 'Joy to the world'
St. Lene New		Christmas [1983] 'Si-lent night, Ho-ly night' handpainted by <u>Kathryn</u> <u>D'Ambrosio</u> (California) some champlevé on notes & holly		Ibree 7	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> 'We Three Kings'

- A - A	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> pink angel	Story Christmas		Merry Christmas undated angel handpainted by <u>Joanne</u> Hall
	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa figural articulated handpainted pewter			Christmas undated blue angel
		u u	<b>Christm</b> <i>ndated</i> andpain	
Merry Christm	Merry Christmas undated holly			Christmas Snow-covered cottage – holly on apex

#### **Heritage Collection**

England, sterling silver or gilt sterling silver, hallmarked Birmingham these were made for the Australian market the makers marks are ALtd for <u>Ammonite Ltd</u> [1981 1982 thimbles] & the unknown maker's marks of <u>B-L</u> [1984 thimble] & <u>COG</u> [1982 1983 thimbles] they were boxed & each had a certificate of authenticity each certificate is numbered & some issues were limited to 1000 with 2 different designs for 1981, they may have been made for a market other than Australia

ri in av sta	hristmas 1981 bbon garlands & holly relief all round ailable in gilt sterling & erling silver aker: <u>Ammonite Ltd</u> Ltd]	Christmas 1982 mistletoe & holly maker: <u>Ammonite</u> Ltd [ALtd]
	Christmas 1981 bells & holly all round maker: <u>B-L</u>	<b>Christmas 1983</b> trees in relief all round maker: <u>COG</u>



Christmas 1982 santa & reindeer in relief all round available in gilt sterling & sterling silver makers: <u>COG</u> & <u>Ammonite</u> Ltd [ALtd]



Christmas 1984 We Three Kings in relief all round maker: **B-L** 

# Hexagon Studios England, china



Christmas undated Christmas rose & holly

### **Highland China**

Kingussie, Scotland, fine bone china

1980	<b>Christmas 1980</b> robin similar decal to Castlewynd China	1981	Christmas 1981 robin & pudding
	<b>Noel 1980</b> camels	1982 1982	<b>Christmas 1982</b> mistletoe & 3 bells signed RT marketed as 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary for Charles & Diana
TAIDE A	Noel 1980 camels (different colours)	1982	Christmas 1982 church

### **D** Hillesland

handpainted wood

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Hillgrove Porcelain Studio (Brian O Sullivan)

Cahirciveen County Kerry Ireland, porcelain with handmade decoration



#### Hinterland

Canada, handpainted leather



Christmas undated candy cane



**Christmas** *undated* santa face

### Höchst

Germany, handpainted porcelain with a self-patterned apex, sometimes outlined in gold

Christmas children in s		×	Christmas 2006 snowflake
	Christmas 2001 tree & sack		Christmas 2013 snowman
Christmas holly	2002		Christmas 2015 rocking horse
	Christmas 2003 santa & sleigh		<b>Christmas 2016</b> lily
Christmas angels	2005		<b>Christmas 2017</b> fuchsia

## **Holly Tree Miniatures**

UK, handpainted china

Christmas 1993 robin with holly atop	

#### House of Goebel

UK, fine bone china



**Christmas** *undated* holly

#### Hurley Porcelain (Wendy Bowen)

USA, handpainted





#### Ipswich Collectors Society England, china



#### Irish Dresden

Ireland, porcelain lace with handpainting

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1785	Christmas 1985 roses with green lace 1st in series b&w photo	1987	Christmas 1987 holly
Cost Cost	Christmas 1986 holly		Christmas 1988 gold stars
	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> robin atop		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> holly

# E.J handpainted china

Christmas undated fir branch		
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#### JJ

bisque

Christmas 1979 mouse	

# Jasper's of Yorkshire (Margaret Palmer) Sutton-in-Cramer, Yorkshire, England

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

Christmas 1994 snowflakes on blue holly on red	<b>Christmas 1996</b> 'Christmas Gloriana' jewelled limited to 45
<b>Christmas 1995</b> the Christmas Ice King the Christmas Ice Queen limited to 300 sets	<b>Christmas 1997</b> 'Angel wings'
Christmas 1995 'The Merry Mummers' limited to 50	Christmas 1998 'Christmas kisses' limited to 250
<b>Christmas 1995</b> 'Wassailing' limited to 50	<b>Christmas 1999</b> 'Glad tidings' limited to 200

Joel bisque see also: Joel White

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#### Kaiser

W-Germany, porcelain each has a snowflake patterned apex & the scene is all round

INRISTMAS 1979	Christmas 1979 shepherds limited to 15000	THAS 108	<b>Christmas 1983</b> merchants selling their wares in street scene
HRISTMAS 191	<b>Christmas 1980</b> coaching scene	LAS TOP	Christmas 1984 tobogganing
CHRISTMASTIBI	<b>Christmas 1981</b> snowman	RET AS TOPS	Christmas 1985 snow scene
RISTIMASI HER	Christmas 1982 horses	BRISTMAS 1986	<b>Christmas 1986</b> dog

#### Karin Maine, USA, handpainted porcelain

<b>Christmas 1995</b> tree	

### Ketcham & McDougall (KMD)

New York USA, sterling

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> holly with emerald		
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### **Kirks Folly**

USA – whimsical creations began creating whimsical jewellery in 1979 in New York by Helen Kirk and her sister Jenniefer



#### Christmas

decorated tree atop gilt metal thimble

undated

# **Teri Koenig** USA, handpainted bisque



Christmas undated

#### **Mildred Kohls**

USA, handpainted porcelain



Christmas 1975 church scene



Christmas undated snow scene

#### Kölmel Germany, handpainted pewter

Christmas 2001 angel's head	Christmas 2003 snowman's head gilded pewter
<b>Christmas 2001</b> santa's head gilded pewter	

### Margareta Kristensen

Melbourne, Australia, handpainted timber turned by her husband John

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> candle	
and the second		

# Andrew Langford UK, resin

Christm festive f	nas [2010] izz		
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#### Lantz

USA, handmade in wood

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### **Raimundas Lapsys**

glass

Christmas 1978 'Peace on earth' signed & dated handcut crystal by Master Cutter	
2 <sup>nd</sup> in series – limited ed	

## Lee (GJK Collectibles)

USA, porcelain

<b>Christmas 1981</b> girl at post box	

# Lefton Royal Dover Taiwan, china



Christmas undated

cardinal & holly

#### **Pierre Lenain**

France, sterling silver

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> band of holly		
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### Linda

USA, handpainted porcelain

	Christmas undated holly & bow		
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### Lindner

Bavaria, Germany, porcelain

	Christmas [1990] poinsettia & holly four-sided	And the second sec	Frohe Weihnachten 2003 little shepherd & nativity four-sided
Frohe Weihnacht 1995	Frohe Weihnacht 1995 santa four-sided		Frohe Weihnachten 2004 young shepherd with lantern on cobalt four-sided
weik leiknachtit 1996	Frohe Weihnacht 1996 musical angels four-sided		Frohe Weihnachten 2005 snowmen scalloped rim

	Weihnachten 1998 angels four-sided	Reference Asterna (2006)	Frohe Weihnachten 2006 handpainted santa & gifts scalloped rim
<b>19</b>	gel, cobalt r-sided	Profer Walmachten	Frohe Weihnachten 2006 flight into Egypt in silhouette
Stoke Weilmacht 1999	Frohe Weihnacht 1999 gifts four-sided		2008 Weihnachten angel four-sided
	Christmas [2001] Christmas tree cookies scalloped rim		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> poinsettia & holly
Frohe Weihmacht 2001	Frohe Weihnacht 2001 bells & holly four-sided	CH	Christmas undated angel choir four-sided
	Frohe Weihnachten 2002 bear in wagon of presents scalloped rim		
	W Contraction of the second se	Frohe Weihnachten 2002 angel orchestra four-sided	2
Herry X-mas Joyeus Noël Militik Aerstree: Inter Weihnachter	Merry X-mas Joyeux Noël Vrolijk Kerstfeest Frohe Weihnachten [2006] santa	Merry X-mas Invexs Notel Intitle Kerstrees Inthe Weihnachter	Merry X-mas Joyeux Noël Vrolijk Kerstfeest Frohe Weihnachten [2006] bells

**Lomonosov** St Petersburg, Russia, handpainted porcelain



**Christmas** [2005] snow on log cabin



**Christmas** *undated* tree with snow, temple



#### Lotthammer

Germany, sterling silver

Christmas undated angel with candle enamel with silver & brass
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#### Pat Mance

Holly, Michigan, USA, handpainted china

1989	Christmas 1989 handpainted candle	
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#### Marienela Miniatures

handmade with polyclay

	<b>Christmas</b> [2012] 'Bethlehem' scene with sheep pewter nativity atop surrounded by the sparkling night sky	by A f M a a or sw crafe b b b clu Ref:	<b>Christmas</b> [2013] gingerbread house
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### G & J Martin

USA, handpainted pewter

	<b>Christmas 1988</b> Christmas tree with tiny gifts on a base pretty edging to rim with plastic dome		
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#### Mason's

### England, ironstone most of their Christmas thimbles are undated identical undated thimbles were made by Pyramid Pottery

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

<b>Christmas</b> santa & holly		<b>Christmas</b> bells & wreath
<b>Christmas</b> tree & mistletoe	A starting	<b>Christmas</b> santa (two gold bands)
<b>Christmas</b> stockings & robin		

#### **Mayflower China**

England, fine bone china

	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> tree		
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#### McMillan & Wife (Robin & Jill McMillan)

England, handpainted pewter (some articulated) see also <u>Stephen Frost</u> for later thimbles

TOTO	<b>Christmas</b> [1983] The first noel		Christmas [1985] santa figural with belt hp by <u>MH</u>
Christmas [1983] santa on brick chimney with sack that can be pulled up			r <b>istmas</b> [1986] gel with trumpet

<b>Christmas</b> [1985] tree		<b>Christmas</b> [1988] three angels 'Fallen Angel' has his eyes open
<b>Christmas</b> [1985] nativity	Ven subreces	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> 'Van St Nicholaas' see also <u>Stephen Frost</u> (1995)
<b>Christmas</b> [1985] December holly fairy atop		Merry Christmas undated 'From our house to yours'

McHaffy USA, handpainted porcelain

Alish upon Star	Christmas 2004 `Wish upon a star' angel	

### Meissen

Saxony, Germany, handpainted porcelain

<b>Christmas</b> [2001] holly	

#### **Julie Menzies**

Scotland, handpainted bone china also designed decals for The Thimble Guild



TELE A	church		Christmas 2011 santa & sleigh (decal)			
1975	Christmas 1996 limited to 125	2.57	Christmas [2011] beads around red band			
	Merry Christmas 1996 `Twas the night before Christmas		Christmas [2011] beads over wood			
JUVE LJ	Christmas [1999] handpainted Austria Settmacher brass thimbles – red for Mum, gold for daughter with Christmas trim		<b>Christmas</b> [2011] sparkling stars with red painted dots			
MERRY CHRISTIAN	Merry Christmas 1999 handpainted holly	Con Ge	<b>Christmas</b> [2011] handpainted flowers green Ullmannglass			
XIAS	Xmas 1999 tree pointillist hand decorated		<b>Christmas</b> [2011] hand decorated green Ullmannglass			
	Christmas [1999] Christmas pudding limited to 250 (decal)	re a nis nal le eat juur concorr	Christmas 2012 Away in a manger (decal)			

CHERRY CHERTSTONS	Merry Christmas 2000 handpainted gold star on verso	Ref. I Th Th Th Th Th Th Th Th Th Th	Christmas [2013] Robin (decal)
	<b>Christmas</b> [2000] robin & snowman (decal)		
	<b>Christmas</b> [2001] modest Madonna in Renaissance style maple wood (decal)		

Merryfield Pottery Torquay Devon, handpainted – mainly figural

the rd a. 60.95 a. 60	Christmas [2004] Santa & Mrs Claus	Hop chick this c	Christmas [2005] carol singer cat
	<b>Christmas</b> [2004] robin		<b>Christmas</b> [2011] cat crackers
	Christmas [2004] Snow Queen		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> santa cat
	<b>Christmas</b> [2005] santa cats with 'Toys' [Chateau Cat]		

#### MG

Norwich, England, fine bone china (MG is a brand name not initials)



#### Christma

undated santa with

as	
th tree & fairy	

# **M'Helen Ltd** (MariHelen Engellen) USA, handpainted porcelain

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	Christmas undated Christmas I		Thereits the first	skati	<b>y Christmas 1982</b> ng mouse d edition 1000

#### Millie Miller (MJM)

US, handpainted porcelain



#### **Minnie Maria Miniatures**

England, handpainted pewter, with moving parts see also Stephen Frost

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#### Miriam USA, handpainted porcelain



Christmas 1991 candles

#### **Innes Mitchell**

Scotland, pyrographed wood

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**Christmas** [1987] Holly Gaelic: Nollaig Chridheil & Merry Christmas

#### **Moorland Miniatures**

England, handpainted pewter, with articulated parts like moving arms tend to be larger in size



**Christmas** [1996] kneeling santa figural & his sack

#### **Felix Morel**

Pulteney Bridge, near Bath England, brass (1930-2016)



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**Christmas** [1992] Christmas star lacquered brass



**Christmas** *undated* brass bells on red lacquered brass

<b>Christmas</b> [1993] star of Bethlehem hammered brass	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> tree with candles white brass
<b>Christmas</b> [1998] cloisonne tree with lights white brass	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> Christmas cat black brass
<b>Christmas</b> [2000] cloisonne tree with lights scarlet brass	

# Dorothy Mortimer UK, handpainted china

Christmas [1983] applied bunch of holly b&w photo	

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{MOT} \left(Martha \; Shaw\right) \\ \textbf{Anderson, South Carolina, USA, handpainted wood} \\ \textbf{her paintings are in folk-art style} \end{array}$ 

<b>Christmas 1992</b> santa bunny	<b>Christmas 1996</b> shepherds at the manger under a star
<b>Christmas 1994</b> santa	Christmas 1997 Mary her baby under a star
Christmas 1995 Mary & Joseph on donkey	<b>Christmas 1997</b> santa with holly

Christmas 1995 Mary & Joseph in the manger under a star		Christmas 1998 angel
Christmas 1995 angel	A Contraction of the second se	Christmas 2000 nativity stable scene under a star
Christmas 1995 santa with holly	yude	Christmas 2004 santa
Christmas 1996 santa with toys		<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> patchwork tree

### MPM Saxonia Porzellan

Germany, handpainted porcelain

	<b>Christmas</b> [2003] candle on pine branch	<b>Christmas</b> [2008] nutcracker
**	<b>Christmas</b> [2003] starry splendour	<b>Christmas</b> [2008] ore miner with candles
	<b>Christmas</b> [2003] city Christmas tree see also: Others 1994	Christmas [2008] angel with light
	<b>Christmas</b> [2003] orchids with Christmas stars	<b>Christmas</b> <i>undated</i> three kings scalloped rim

Weihnacht 2004 tree on blue sled star overhead	Christmas undated advent candles
<b>Christmas</b> [2004] nativity `nu sijt wellekom jesu lieve heer'	Christmas undated tree baubles – pine cones – golden bells
<b>Christmas</b> [2004] Christmas bouquet	

#### H Muhr's Sons

Philadelphia, USA, sterling silver

URABI UTAS	Merry X-mas [1900s]	

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