

Georg Jensen sterling silver thimbles

COPENHAGEN DENMARK

This is the second Danish thimble maker to feature in my topics - another highly collectable field.

Georg Jensen [1866-1935] began his world-famous creations as a silversmith in 1904 in Copenhagen, Denmark. These thimbles illustrated were made by Georg Jensen designers after that date, who continue as silversmiths today. Some were available for purchase in the 1990s in Australia from Georg Jensen stores.

Most of Jensen thimbles have a backed stone apex in a variety of stones. These vary from green stones, to brown or red or amethyst. Most have a band of indentations directly below the stone at the apex rim.

There are various art nouveau borders - leaves or tulips - in relief.

As well as the maker's mark, the more modern thimbles have "Sterling" or "925" plus "Denmark" stamped into the thimbles.

A **numeral** is sometimes stamped into the thimbles - this number doesn't correspond to a size mark, rather it is a design number as "All Jensen designs are noted by number as well as sometimes by name" [Traill-Nash].

Further to this, additional information on these numbers comes from Porter in 2018 "In its archives Georg Jensen has an old silver-edged bound book with *Korpus*, the Danish name for hollowware, on its spine. It dates back to 1904 when the silversmith Georg Jensen opened his first workshop in Copenhagen and registers every item made from day one to 1960 ... they are named in the numerical order in which they were created".

There is no dating system for sterling silver thimbles in Denmark, but those with the numbers, date from the 1940s.

Occasionally there seems to be an extra maker's mark eg GI



Georg Jensen oval maker's mark and other markings



leaf border
1930s



leaf border
48
amethyst stone
1940s



leaf border
48
deep green stone



leaf border
48
clearer stone mark + GI maker's mark



tulip border
smooth below stone



tulip border
green stone
L: # 47 – R has an inscription



tulip border amethyst stone



tulip border
red stone
47



tulip border
red stone
47



+ GI maker's mark



tulip border
modern example



plain
size 9
1970s



decorated apex
there is an additional mark on
this thimble



charm
from a Jensen 1950s charm bracelet



thimble holder
with tulips
stamped Georg Jensen Inc-USA on lid
lid attached with an inner chain
silver post inside for thimble



thimble holder
stamped Piet-Hein on inner rim
with 1147B

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