

PAPER 2.  
CAST IRON CANDLE HOLDERS FOR TINY TAPERS, INSPIRED BY JENS  
QUISTGAARD (updated May 2021)

Because of the updates: don't forget to look regularly on [www.20century.eu](http://www.20century.eu) for the latest news.

A portrait of the cast iron candle holders, designed after Jens Quistgaard who invented the famous 1/4" diameter pencil tapers for his tiny taper candle holder in 1963/64 and his other candle holder designs for these candles. Till now 41 found! And there is more: other designers used brass, bronze, pewter or zinc for their holders for the 1/4" pencil tapers.

With thanks to [www.20century.eu](http://www.20century.eu) to place my article on her site! And you will find the 1/4 inch candles for your Dansk alike candle holders here!

And to all the sellers on , they bring a lot of collectables and information to the collectors!

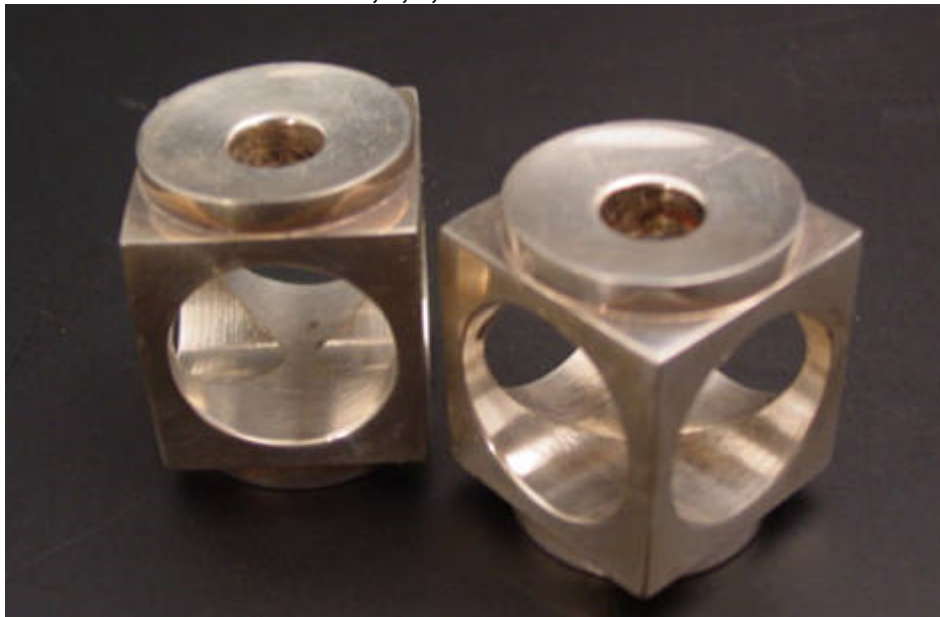


You will find candle holders holding  
1 candle- 7 candles, one designer  
3 candles,  
6 candles,  
8 candles,  
10 candles,  
12 candles and...  
24 candles!

**1 to 7 candles ( $\frac{1}{4}$ "x 01-07) marked EJ designs Denmark  
Till now the 4 candles holder found in black iron and the 1+5 holder in silver plated iron., the  
other sizes in brass and nickel.**



**For 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 candles**

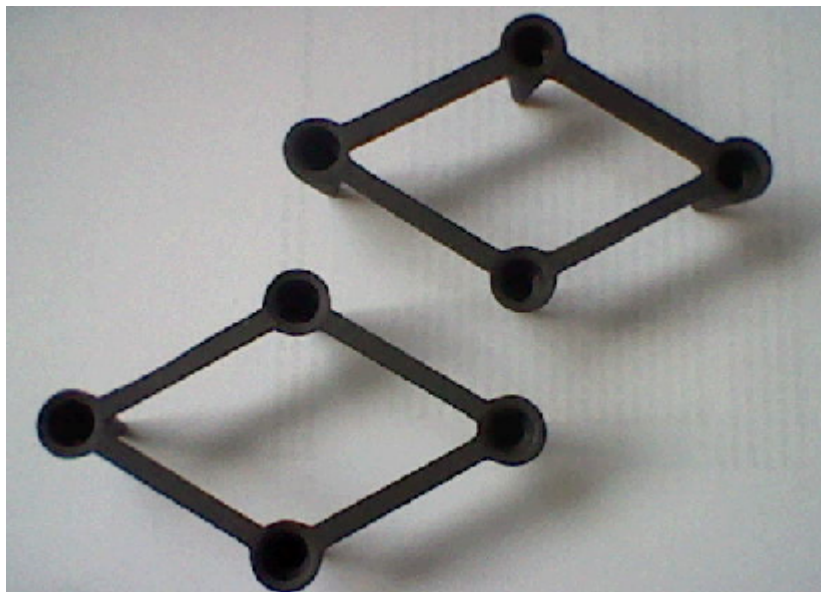


**For 1 candle too.**

3 cones       $\frac{1}{4}$ "x03      no marks, no box,  
same design as 6 cones #3.



Lozenge,  $\frac{1}{4}$  x 4, maker unknow, country of origin Denmark.



**6 bows**

**1/4"x06**

**made for Hallmark**



**06 cones #1**

**1/4"x06**

**no marks, box: Copenhagen Denmark Laurids Lonbørg #116**



**Please note the different holes for 1/2" and 1/4" candles. Also in green enamel.**

**6 cones #2      1/4"x06 no marks, no box, same design as 3 cones. And one slightly different.**



**6 cones #3 with central ring    1/4"x06 marked JAPAN.**



**Made for Liljeholms in Sweden.**

**6 cylinders     ¼"x06**

**made in Denmark M31 (pic) 3 point star in centre. By Dacafa Ltd.**



**Five in one, ¼"x06, made for five sizes of candles, no box no marks.**



**Found by Christa in 2016.**

**Robert Welch circle    on stem ¼"x08**

**Design by Robert Welch Chipping Campden UK**



**10 squares    ¼"x10**

**marked RR, by TO/DO Denmark (Rena Rosenthal?)**



**Robert Welch bow on stem    ¼"x10**

**Design by Robert Welch Chipping Campden UK.**



**Oval**

**¼"x11**

**by or after Candella water resistant flower frog**



**12 balls in ring**

**1/4"x12**

**Japan.**



**12 cups**

**1/4"x12**

**denmark RR (Rena Rosenthal?) for Sears Scandia (box)**



**12 cups,closed**

**¼"x12**

**Digsmed Denmark Design Rimer**



**12 cones #1**

**¼"x12**

**Preta Denmark**



**12 cones #2    ¼"x12**

**style# 2020, made in Denmark by Langkilde (box), also found in box for Carson Pirie Scott.**

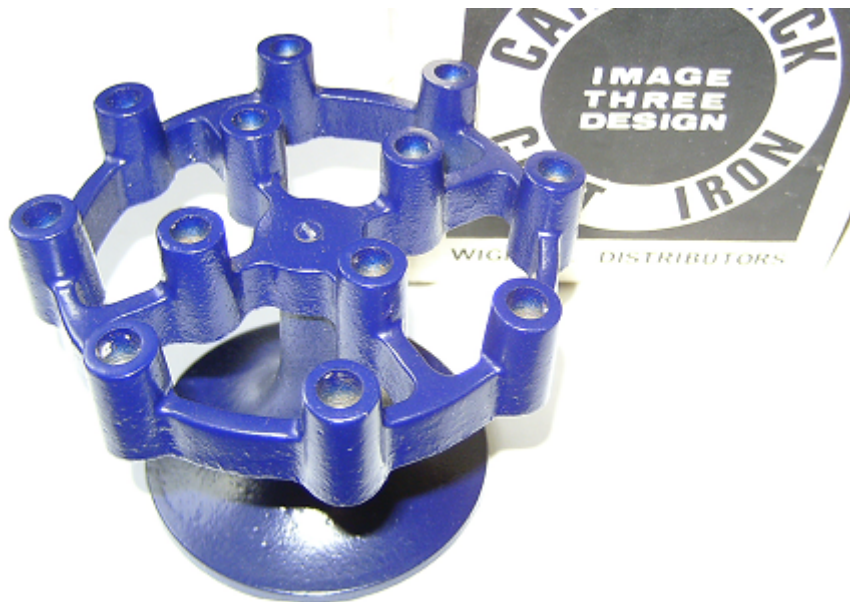


**12 square holders, 2 levels, a direct copy in iron of the zinc Paro candle holder Illumination, cast in 2 parts, bolted together. I a neutral red box.**



12 cylinders    ¼"x12

Image Three, made in England, on box Wigmore



Design by Michael Harris and Anthony Stiff.

Also found in black, spray painted.

**6 arms #1**

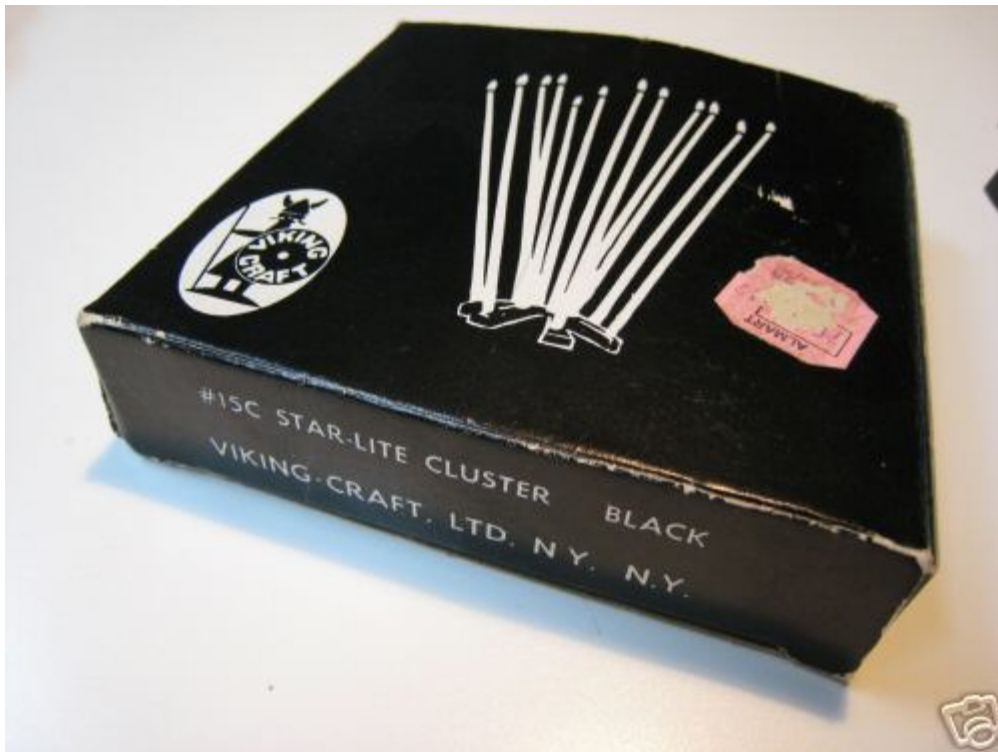
**1/4"x12**

**star lite cluster marked Japan, 4 1/2" diameter, box Viking Craft,  
also seen in zinc.**



**Same holder, with dimple in center for taper.**

**Next page the box.**



6 arms large #2

$\frac{1}{4}$ "x12

marked Japan, 5" diameter, like Viking Craft but larger



**Celtic knot star**

**1/4"x12**

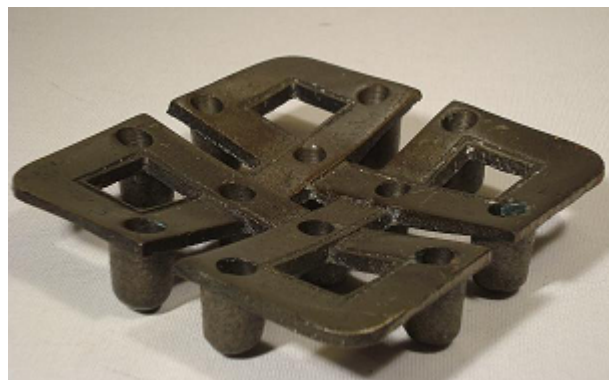
**Japan, no marks no box**



**Celtic knot square**

**1/4"x12**

**Japan no marks no box**



Danish taper  $\frac{1}{4}$ "x12

made in Japan for Hallmark



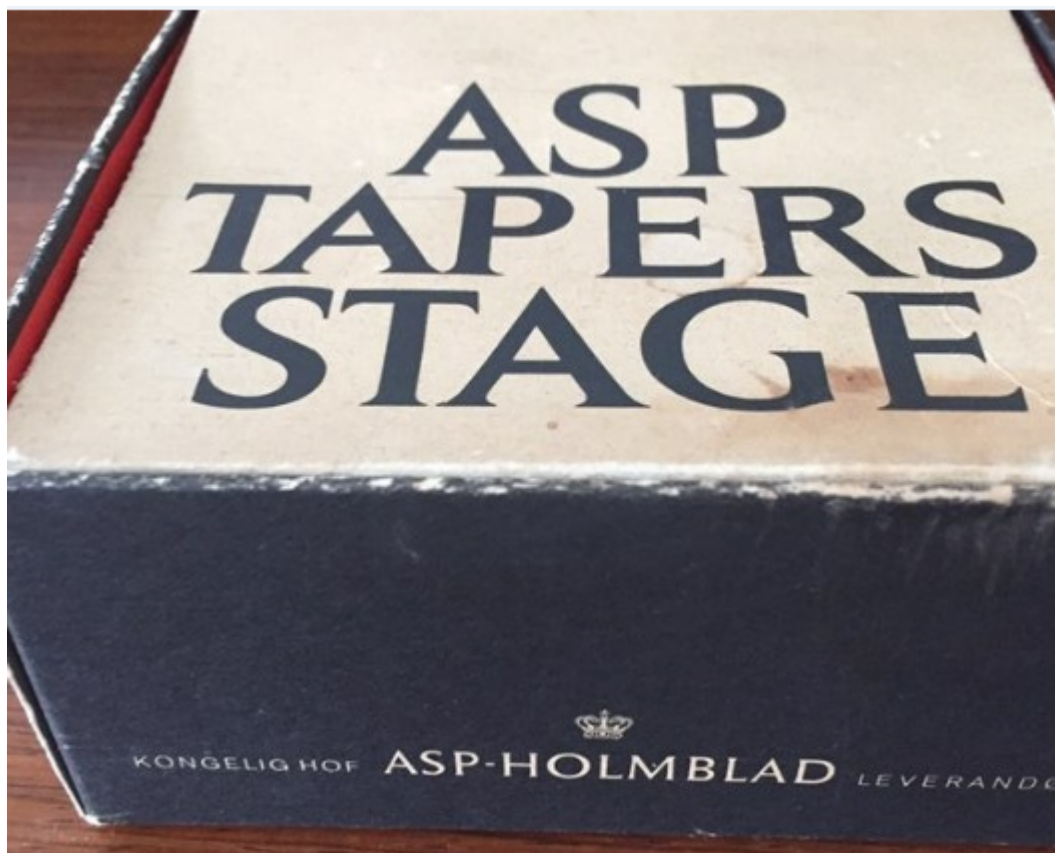
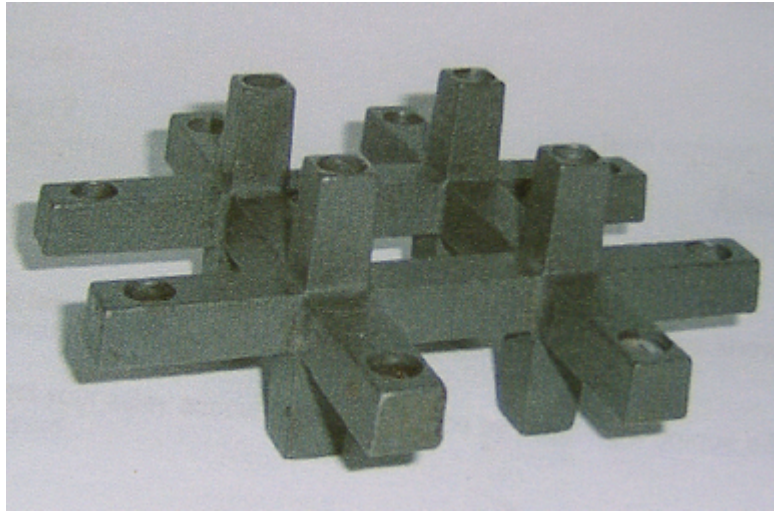
Unknown candle holder "Three Hearts". 2020



Grid 4½"x4½"

¼"x12

by ASP Holmblad A/S Denmark.



Is like the Tic Tac Toe holder of Dansk Designs.

large zigzag ¼"x12

larger tiny taper imitation with 7 round ceramic inserts, found in 4 diff. colours, marked Japan. Box with style# 386 only.



palmtree

¼"x12

Japan, with ceramic insert, no box.



peacock

1/4"x12

label KAMEYAMA, Japan..



ring on stem 1/4"x12

like Robert Welch circle, marked Japan. Label reads Wales



Flower Taper Holder, Colonial Candle of Cape Cod, Hyannia, Massachusetts.



ring with tile  $\frac{1}{4}$ "x12

Japan, no box, same as former ring?



slim taper       $\frac{1}{4}$ "x12      made in Japan for Scandia Capri (box)  
found in different colours: black, red, orange and apple green.. note: 6 points in center



In center a holder for a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " taper.

Slightly different style with spike in centre. Origin unknown. Note: one point in center.



Three in one, 1/4"x12 made for three sizes of candles by Dacafa Ltd.



The holder for one candle is often thought to be by Robert Welch or Tom Dixon.

tiny taper with ring 1/4"x12

marked Japan, like tiny taper but bottom row is closed ring.



Flower taper holder.     $\frac{1}{4}$ "x12            made in Japan for Nordic Collections Nob Hill (box),  
for Canada the holder is made for Carol Candles.

also found marked Taiwan and Hongkong. This one is the very close to the tiny taper  
holder/spider by Jens Quistgaard!

The Dansk Designs Tiny Taper has ball shaped ends for the candles and round arms, the  
imitation has six sided ends and arms!



It's even Patented in the United States as No. 268804.

From Sweden: 2 holders found.



± \_Like the Dansk Designs spider, Style# 343.

and



Ring shape From the same unknown foundry, Style# 643. Found on 9 November 2020!

2 concentric rings     $\frac{1}{4}" \times 2 \times 6 = 12$     H.A.I. DENMARK    © Dan Artis Design



Also found in green enamel (inner ring only.)

**Zigzagholder #1**       $\frac{1}{4}$ "x12      made in Japan by OSK, called "Octopus"  
**Diameter 4½"**, larger than zigzag holder #2, the most common one! This holder is not marked  
in the cast iron. With thanks to Kerry on eBay Australia!



**Zigzagholder #2**       $\frac{1}{4}$ "x12      made in Japan for Westwood Import San Francisco.  
**Diameter 4"**      Found in colour orange in blister.





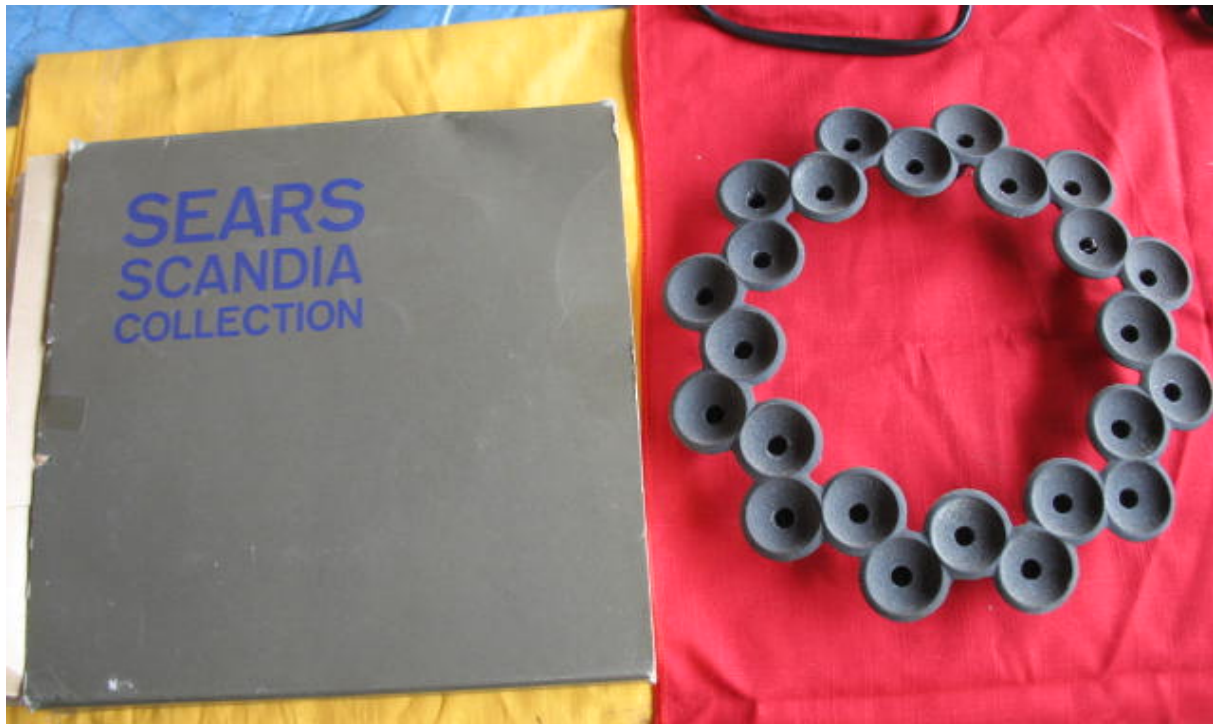
**Zigzagholder #3      ¼"x12      4½", no marks, no box, larger zigzag holder**



24 cups

1/4"x24

marked denmark RR as 12 cups, Sears Scandia



Do you know more 1/4" candle holder styles? Please, let me know! [rc.meijer@hccnet.nl](mailto:rc.meijer@hccnet.nl)

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