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Candle Holders from the Holmgrens: C&C Holmgren. (Update November 2020). Because of the updates: don't forget to look regularly on www.20century.eu for the latest news.

Christel and Christer Holmgren are famous designers, especially in glass design. But, for Illums Bolighus they designed a small range of cast iron candle holders in the years 1973 and 1974: The Hornblower, the small Hornblower, the Flower Bud, the Pumpkin and the Summit.



The Hornblower.



The small hornblower is stackable which gives an extra dimension to the design. On the last page more information about these styles: the rights are now with Erik Bagger and slightly different in design!



The Flower Bud is the smallest design. Simply but also genial, small but also great!



The Pumpkin is made in two parts to make it possible to place a tealight candle inside and the light comes out like a real, cut pumpkin. Two small pins keep the parts in place. It holds candles of 20, 30 or 40 mm's.



The summit. Can be used in two ways as shown!

With exception to the Small Hornblower, the candle holders are marked with: Made in Denmark Pat. Pend. Mostly there can be found a number in the casting: they refer to the place in the casting machine and is the number of the mould. These numbers are more common to find in plastic disposables as knives, spoons and forks.

The Small Hornblower was found with the marking "Vulcanus Kerst '77".

Contact with Christel and Christer Holmgren did not result in any knowledge about that. Some research about the Dutch foundry Vulcanus in Doetinchem gave the result: every year the manager bought a design candle holder to copy it for his personnel only and to give it to them in December!

There is found a copy of candle holders by Robert Welch and Jens Quistgaard too.

In 2014 Christel & Christer decided to sell their rights over the Hornblower and the Small Hornblower to Erik Bagger.



The Hornblower and the Small Hornblower. They hold candles with a larger diameter, 20 mm and they are marked with the Holmgren logo and with EB DENMARK.

With thanks to www.20century.eu to place my article on their site, you can also find the 1/4 inch candles and the 1/2 inch candles you need for your candle holders!

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