

Christmas Pickle Ornament

If you have never heard of a "Christmas Pickle", you are not alone. However, it is actually a fun and honored tradition in many American households.

No one is certain when or where the tradition began but there are many theories and stories on the internet about its origin.

The main idea is that the tradition helps to keep kids (and adults) from rushing through the opening of gifts so that everyone can learn to appreciate each gift.

So how does it work? Sometime late Christmas eve, the "Christmas Pickle" is hidden within the branches of the family's Christmas tree. On Christmas day, the first child (or person other than the person who hid the "Christmas Pickle") gets something special - like - a special treat, an extra present from Santa, or to get to open the first gift while everyone else watches. No presents are opened until the "Christmas Pickle" is found.

This set of "Christmas Pickles" contains two different sized ornaments. The larger one is for smaller/young children to find. The smaller one is for older children and/or adults to find. They were hand carved in basswood, hand painted, and lightly lacquered so that they can give years (if not generations) of Christmas pleasure.

Enjoy!