

Handicrafts

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Understanding the many types of handicrafts and folk arts in Poland

- Anybody visiting Poland will be surprised by the range and diversity of Polish folk art and handicrafts. There is an impressive amount of them in markets and galleries all over the country. Poland is well known for its handicraft goods and folk art that are deeply rooted in Polish tradition.
- Some of the greatest attractions for tourists in Poland are products such as: hand-woven tapestries, embroidered tablecloths and handmade dolls which are part of the folk art of many regions of Poland. They are usually sold in Cepelia shops scattered all around the country, especially in big cities. You can spot them in Cracow, where most of the shops that sell these goods are located, in Sukiennice in Main Market Square



Easter Eggs

- These decorated Easter eggs, either real emptied egg shells of chicken, ducks and geese or wooden egg are the symbols of Easter. The rebirth and resurrection of life is represented by these beautifully decorated egg shells. Easter eggs come in many ways: scrubbed Easter eggs, Easter eggs painted with wax, colored Easter eggs, painted, eggs with paper cutting, eggs covered with fabric. There is an endless variety of Polish ways of decorating the eggs following regional tradition of coloration and themes, resulting in a magnificent selection of blown eggs and wooden eggs to celebrate this holiday.



Krakow Nativities

- Krakow Nativity is a unique form of nativities. Originated in the first half of the 19th century in Krakow by the bricklayers and construction workers idled by the severe Polish winters who created fanciful nativities from cardboard foil paper and beads.
- Krakow nativities, are called in Polish *Szopka Krakowska*. Every year a special contest for the most beautiful Nativities takes place. It takes place every year on the first Thursday in December. The most beautiful Krakow Nativities are awarded prizes and exhibited for 2 months at the Historical Museum of Krakow.





Polish Baltic Amber Jewelry

- Amber is Polish traditional jewelry and the art of making it dates generations. Gdansk, lying on the Baltic shore is the international center of amber with many workshop making amber jewelery.



Paper cut-outs

Unknown kind of art in other parts of the world includes colourful paper cut-outs presenting flowers or scenes taken from a daily life work in field, play, elements of wedding clothes and ceremony. It's actually genuinely spontaneous creation of country peoples spiritual life.

You can hand it up or stick on the wall or put it anywhere you wish.

Elements of traditional art aren't used any more in everyday life but they are still hand made.



Embroidery

- Embroidered pillowcase and tablecloths are typical for Polish handicrafts as well as multi-coloured embroidery on velvet. Flowers motives are very typical.



Dolls

- Dolls are dressed up in richly adorned traditional dresses. Dress is made of characteristic coloured - home spun clothes and decorated with flowers embroidered on black velvet.



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