

# Russian crafts





Dear friends,

... We are working on the project “Folk Crafts in Different Countries” this month. I’d like to do a project about Russian crafts and I need your help. Can you tell me about famous Russian Crafts, please?

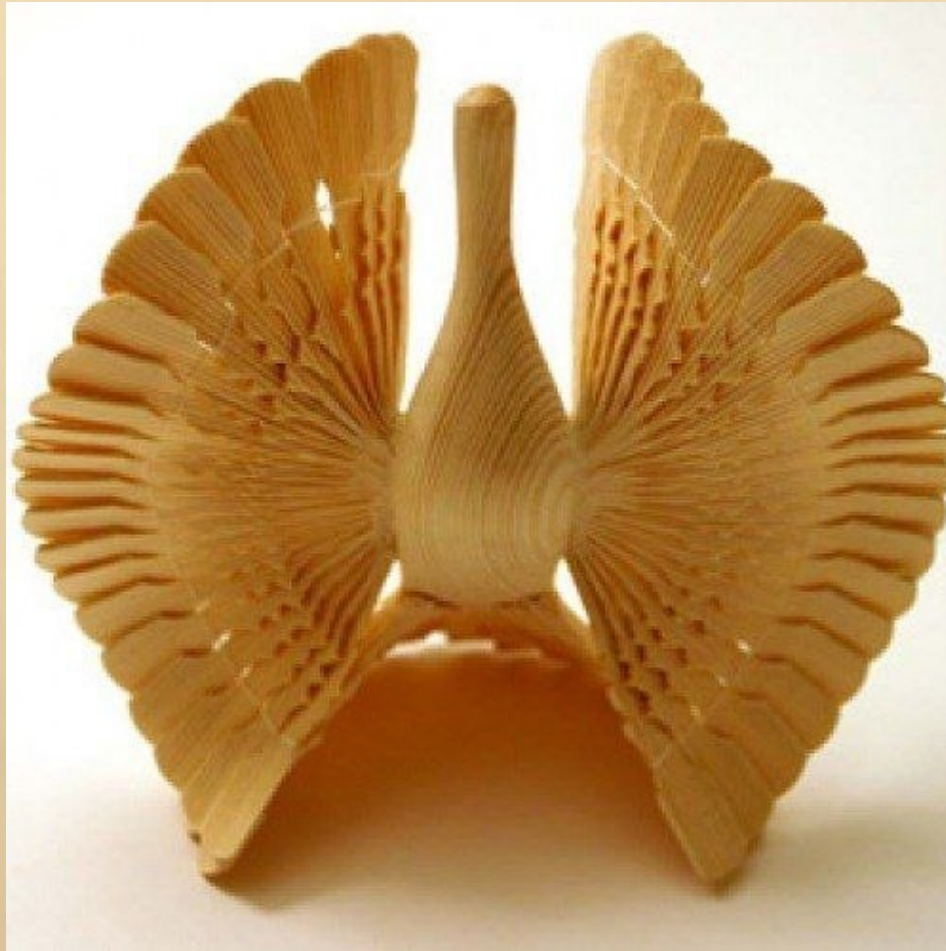
With best wishes,

your Scottish friend Patrick Jeffrey



Listen to the story and choose the correct name:

- a) the Bird of the North
- b) the Bird of Happiness
- c) the Wooden Bird



## **Listen to the story again and fill in the gaps with the correct word:**

Long ago people believed in a 1) \_\_\_\_\_ power of nature. They lived among the forests. In winter men used to have more free 2) \_\_\_\_\_. They made beautiful things out of 3) \_\_\_\_\_. In many houses in the North there is a wooden bird which is called the Bird of 4) \_\_\_\_\_. The bird is 5) \_\_\_\_\_ by a special method with an ax or a knife without any glue. It takes 6) \_\_\_\_\_ time to make the wings so thin and 7) \_\_\_\_\_. The Bird of Happiness protects the family and gives them health and happiness.

# The Bird of Happiness

Long ago people believed in a **magic** power of nature. They lived among the forests. In winter men used to have more free **time**. They made beautiful things out of **wood**.

In many houses in the North there is a wooden bird which is called the Bird of **Happiness**. The bird is **made** by a special method with an ax or a knife without any glue. It takes **great** time to make the wings so thin and **beautiful**. The Bird of Happiness protects the family and gives them health and happiness.

## Hohloma

Hohloma is an old kind of folk craft. It is decorative painting on wooden tableware and furniture. The history of Golden Hohloma goes back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It appeared in the village Hohloma near Zavolzhye, N. Novgorod. Soon Hohloma became very popular all over Russia and abroad.



## Paleh

Paleh is kind of folk miniature painting on small lacquer boxes. Its history goes back to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It appeared in Paleh, Ivanovo in 1923. Different types of plots are typical for Paleh miniatures: literature, household, history, folklore. Lacquer miniatures are popular all over Russia and known in many foreign countries.





## Zhostovo

Zhostovo is a kind of folk craft. It is decorative painting of metal trays. The history of Zhostovo back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It appeared in the village of Zhostovo not far from Mytistchi, Moscow in 1825. Soon unique trays, painted by hand, became very popular in Russia and abroad.

