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# **Russian Matryoshka**



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**Russian matryoshka is the most popular Russian national souvenir. You can buy it at all fairs and festivals not only in our country but in different countries of the world too.**





It seems that the matryoshka has come to us from ancient times from the world of legends and fairy tales. Actually, this doll is about 100 years old.



The first Russian  
matryoshka was made in  
1890  
in the Children's Education  
workshop  
near the Abramtsevo  
estate.



The owner was  
**Sava  
Mamontov**  
industrialist  
and a patron  
of the arts.

**The end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Russia was a time of great economic and cultural development. Mamontov was one of the first patrons who created a new Russian style.**





**Why Russian  
matryoshka is the most  
popular national  
souvenir?**



In old Russia, the name Matryona or Matryosha was a popular female name among peasants. It has a Latin root and means "mother". This name is associated with the image of a mother of a big family who was very healthy and had a big figure.





There are different types of matryoshka: the Sergiev Posad type, Semionovo type and another. Matryoshkas depict different characters and classes: peasants, merchants and noblemen.





**Sergiev Posad is a place where the first stacking doll was made by the artist Sergei Maliutin.**



The Sergiev Posad  
type  
of Russian toys.

They are painted with gouach and have a varnish surface.

They portraye whole family with children.

These dolls are disproportional but they are very expressive.

Semionovo is a large, old center of wooden handicrafts. The first matryoshka was made by Arsenty Mayorov. It was more decorative and symbolic than the Sergiev Posad matryoshka.

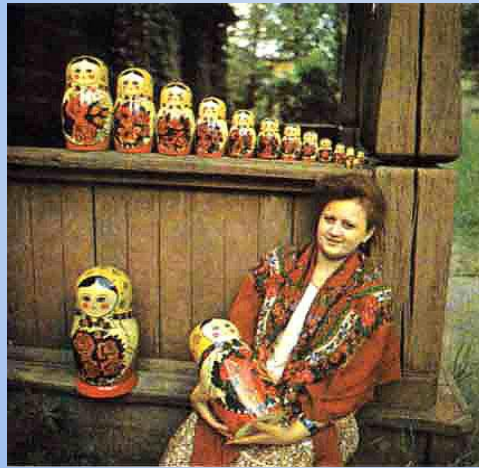


An apron is considered to be the main part of the Semionovo painting.

This doll has a thin top widens sharply into a thick bottom.

# Why give a Matryoshka as a gift?

Russian Matryoshkas show the spirit of time, the present and the past.



They have a story to tell and a message to communicate

They have a legendary value because they are pieces of folk art made with excellent precision and beauty.

These dolls represent the soul and image of Russia.