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## FOLK ART STYLES ~ Matryoshka

**M**atryoshka (Russian nesting dolls) is a relatively modern form of folk art which began in the nineteenth century. The word “Matryoshka” means “mother”, and the dolls symbolize motherhood and fertility.

A set of the dolls was exhibited at the Paris World Exhibition in 1900, where it attracted worldwide attention and a new industry was born, with many regional centres producing different styles of Matryoshka.

Today Matryoshka may be decorated in traditional Russian painting styles and themes, or in a more modern decorative style. The dolls have found new homes all over the world.

