LJUNGSTROMS

Ljungstroms began in the 1940s as a furniture maker in Holsbybrunn, Sweden, and has evolved over the years into the manufacturer of some of the most recognizable and beloved wooden tomtar around. Here are a few that have been produced consistently for up to 25 years – and some that are new this year.



Burricki

Twenty-five years ago in Sweden, two talented sisters combined their nicknames and started a small company they called Butticki (BOOT-tee-key). When Britt-Marie Lernhammar (Butti) and Ann-Marie Wieveg (Kiki) suddenly found themselves with a very large order from the DK department store in Sweden, they quit their day jobs and focused entirely on making their high quality wooden tomte figures. Other family members have since joined their successful little cottage industry. Each tomte has its own distinct personality, with its hand-painted face and detailed clothing.

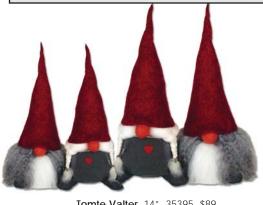






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In 1984, Åsa Götander moved to the countryside in Gotland, Sweden and decided she would produce yarn from angora rabbits. "I had to cut the fur by hand and the rabbits didn't always agree with me on how this was going to be done," she says. Giving up on rabbit hair, Åsa bought some wool harvested from local sheep, fell in love with working it and made tomtar to sell at a local Christmas fair. They were so popular she soon opened a small workshop called Åsa's Tomtebod. In 2000 Åsa braved a booth at a gift fair in Stockholm, where our buyer Diane was instantly charmed by her fluffy, furry creations. They've become very favorite members of our Christmas family!



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