

## Czech/Slovak Christmas Crafts

### Walnut Ornaments

Buy whole English Walnuts in the shell. Using gilt paint or gold paint markers, cover the walnut with gold. Using thread, glue a loop to use as a hanger on the bigger end of the nut.

### Walnut Ribbons

Buy whole English Walnuts in the shell. Carefully split them open so you have 3 halves. Empty of the nutmeat inside and use for Christmas goodies. Glue to ribbons and hang on the tree or in doorways.

### Walnut Boats

For Christmas day fortunetelling (or as a place card holder), take whole English walnuts and carefully split open so you have 2 halves. Decorate with fine ribbon around the top, or use gold paint to decorate. Put a little glue, clay, or melted wax in the bottom of the half. Insert a birthday-sized candle. For fortunetelling, float the boat in a bowl of water. If it stays afloat until the candle burns out, there will be smooth sailing in the New Year.

### Eggs

Blown eggs or other decorated eggs are found on holiday trees. This is an activity that, if using "the real thing", requires a little care, as the eggs are fragile. Wax eggs can be bought at a craft store and painted, too. Included are common designs found on some of the eggs. Other eggs are decorated to look like the body of a fish, with drawn on eyes, scales, gills, etc. Fins and a tail are added and the fish are hung from the tree.