

# ALL ABOUT The Nutcracker

Every time I listen to the Nutcracker in Boston's Symphony Hall, I am inspired by Tchaikovsky's genius. The Nutcracker is a beautiful kaleidoscope of fantastic, otherworldly sound; a story in music.

I was compelled to illustrate his musical story.



This is my collection of vintage nutcrackers.

Traditional stories sometimes bring an inanimate object to life, like the Nutcracker, the Gingerbread Man, and the fork that ran away with the spoon. Look for the samovar, a tea maker that uses hot embers to heat the inner water container. In Russia, pinecones are burned so the smoke is more fragrant. I copied the samovar from one at a museum in St. Petersburg (only it did not have a face on it!)

