

Grünhainichen Angels® – timeless elegance of classic style

The first Grünhainichen Angel® was brought to life in 1923, designed by company founder Grete Wendt. And with the design of this product group, she broke new creative ground: In contrast to traditional Erzgebirge craftmaking, which often came across as rather stiff, she infused her sketches with energetic dynamics. She had the talent and ability to transform her angels from motionless pieces of wood into glorious creations bursting with life and music, even at times soaring. She did this by adopting a revolutionary new technique which cast off the production-related constraints of symmetrical woodturning: She cut the limbs for her figurines at an angle and then reassembled them again thereafter to give them movement and momentum. Sprightliness, carefreeness and merriment are still the exact same attributes characterizing Grete Wendt's angels to this very day and which have turned them into such treasured collector items the world over.

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