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Christmas crackers

In England, Christmas crackers are very popular and accompany many meals over the Christmas period, especially on Christmas Day.

A Christmas cracker is a brightly coloured paper tube, twisted at both ends.

A person pulls on each end of the cracker and when the cracker breaks, a small chemical strip goes "Pop" and the contents fall out.



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What is inside a Christmas cracker?

A Christmas cracker traditionally contains a paper crown, a small gift and a joke written on a slip of paper.

The traditional way to pull a cracker is crossing your arms and pulling a whole circle of crackers around the table.

Everyone holds their cracker in their right hand and pulls their neighbour's cracker with the free left hand.

