



Pietersma Tinworks

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Unique ◉ Canadian Made ◉ Quality

INFORMATION TO HELP SELL OUR PRODUCTS.

WHO IS THE PIETERSMA TINWORKS?

The Pietersma Tinworks was founded by Greg Pietersma. A maker at heart, Greg knew immediately he had found his material when he worked as an apprentice at historic Upper Canada Village. To develop his skills, he furthered his apprenticeship with noted master tinsmith Billy McMillen of Staten Island NY.

Along the way Greg decided his dream was to work for himself. In 1991 he started The Tin Shop which was incorporated as The Pietersma Tinworks, Ltd in 1998.

Originally Greg made reproductions of pieces made by 19th century tinsmiths. Gradually Greg adapted these pieces into a collection of products that fit the 21st century, and designed and built tools and machines to help with the adaptations.

WHAT IS THE MATERIAL?

Tin plated steel is made up of a sheet of steel covered in tin. The tin offers a high luster surface and provides some rust protection. The steel gives the material its strength. It is non-toxic. We work hard to make the items safe to use. However some edges may be sharp. Use with caution.

CAN I USE TINWARE OUTSIDE?

Our products can be used outside. However our products should **NOT BE LEFT OUTSIDE**. Rain, mist, & dew can cause the item to rust. There is no way to remove the rust. If your item does get wet immediately dry and place in a warm oven - max: 200°F or 100°C for 30 minutes.

DOES TIN TARNISH?

Tin is slow to tarnish. It will be years before your piece has noticeably lost its luster. Tarnishing can be slowed down by storing your item in an air tight bag. If you want to polish use a nonabrasive metal cleaner. Read the directions carefully. A lot of elbow grease may be required to use the cleaner. Our favorite is Nevr-Dull™. We do not advise the rough side of any punched item be polished.

HOW DO YOU CLEAN TIN?

If your item is dirty and needs to be cleaned follow these directions: Use hot water and some dish soap gently clean the item. Do not put the item in a dishwasher. Dry the item with a soft cloth then place in an oven to finish drying set no hotter than 200°F (100°C) for 30 minutes.

IS IT SAFE TO USE REAL CANDLES?

Absolutely! Always exercise caution when using candles. Never leave lit candles alone. Some items may become hot when in use. Place a trivet or hot pad to protect fine finished furniture or plastic materials. When spilt wax is hot, it can be wiped off with a cloth. Cooled wax may be picked off. Just be careful not to scratch the surface. Try a plastic knife. If a candle flame comes in contact with the tinplate it will "burn". There is no fix for this.

Many of our products come with product labels that contain care and use instructions. If you have any questions please contact Greg at sales@pietersmatinworks.com.