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handcrafted in a land far far away, in alpine, tx





RESILIENCY
Dragonfly RK-HF



CREATIVITY
Starry Starry Night RK-HS

innerSpirit RATTLES

by J. Davis Studio 432-837-3812 info@jdavisstudio.com



SENSORY ACTIVITY STIMULATES YOUR BRAIN. Relaxing and satisfying, science has proven that occupying fidgety hands relieves nervous energy, improves concentration, and makes it easier to focus on the task at hand. **Shaking an innerSpirit Rattle produces a calming sense of peace to help keep you focused and mindful of the present moment.** Holding one in the palm of your hand, you will feel an instant emotional connection to its beauty, its texture, and its small size, but it is the music you'll make with it that may nurture your strongest connection. Intensely beautiful and very seductive like a maraca, the clay shakers resonate with happiness and a simpler time. **Genuine engagement primes your heart and soul to quiet the chaos inside your busy mind and to have faith that everything is going to be alright.**



STRENGTH & RECOVERY
Hummingbird RK-HB



WISDOM
Honey Bee RK-HH



PEACE OF MIND
SMOOTH RK-HRTL



GOOD HEALTH
Butterfly Heart RK-HU



HOPES AND DREAMS
Dancing Feather RK-HE



RESILIENCY
Dragonfly RK-SD



ENDURANCE
Sea Turtle RK-ST



NEW BEGINNINGS
Frog RK-HFR



PLAY
Dolphin RK-HO



COURAGE & TRANSITION
Japanese Koi RK-HK



PEACE OF MIND
SMOOTH RK-SQ



NEW BEGINNINGS
Frog RK-SF



CREATIVITY
Starry Starry Night RK-SS



TENACITY & GOOD FORTUNE
Sea Horse RK-SSH



WISDOM
Honey Bee RK-SH



MIRACLES
Guardian Angel 1AN-H



ADVENTURE
Mermaid 1G-MJ



ADVENTURE
Mermaid Sisters 1G-MS



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Song and Dance 1SG-H



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Raku is an ancient Japanese pottery firing technique created to honor imperfection, transience & authenticity. Each raku piece has a one-of-a-kind shimmering iridescent surface. Our Raku Ornaments range from 3" to 4". They look like a weighty heirloom, but are lightweight and hang beautifully on a tree.

Each ornament comes packaged in a Kraft colored box & nested in shredded parchment paper with a story card. Ornaments can be ordered individually or in a mixed dozen.

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Tapestry Star
RK-ORST



Smooth Star
RK-ORS



Round Seahorse
RK-ORRSea



Round Dragonfly
RK-ORRD



Round Pine Cone
RK -ORRP



Starry Night
RK-ORRS



Closed Pine Cone
RK-ORP1



Open Pine Cone
RK-ORP3



Dragonfly Teardrop
RK-ORTS



Starry Night Teardrop
RK-ORTS



Dragonfly Heart
RK-ORHF



Tapestry Heart
RK-ORHT



Starry Night Heart
RK-ORHS

Decorated trees became popular in the United States when people saw the beautiful ornaments brought by families emigrating from Germany and England in the 1840's. This J. Davis Studio ornament was handmade in Alpine, TX but the unique Raku firing creates the look of an heirloom that crossed the ocean with those hopeful families.

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Handcrafted in Alpine, TX, the land of the peaceful
Big Bend National Park, and the mysterious Marfa Lights.

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Ship Date

CODE	INNERSPIRIT RATTLES	#	EACH	TOTAL
RK-ASSRT	12 Assorted Raku Heart & Square Rattles			
RK-HMX	12 Assorted Raku Heart Rattles			
RK-SMX	12 Assorted Raku Square Rattles			
	RAKU HEART RATTLES			
RK-HB	Raku Heart Rattle Hummingbird: Strength & Recovery			
RK-HE	Raku Heart Rattle Feather: Hopes & Dreams			
RK-HF	Raku Heart Rattle Dragonfly: Resiliency			
RK-HFR	Raku Heart Rattle Frog: New Beginnings			
RK-HH	Raku Heart Rattle Bumble Bee: Wisdom			
RK-HK	Raku Heart Rattle Japanese Koi: Change & Transition			
RK-HO	Raku Heart Rattle Dolphin: Play			
RK-HRTL	Raku Heart Rattle Smooth: Smooth Sailing			
RK-HS	Raku Heart Rattle Starry Starry Night: Creativity			
RK-HU	Raku Heart Rattle Butterfly: Good Health			
	RAKU SQUARE RATTLES			
RK-SD	Raku Square Rattle Dragonfly: Resiliency			
RK-SE	Raku Square Rattle Seahorse: Tenacity and Good Fortune			
RK-SF	Raku Square Rattle Frog: New Beginnings			
RK-SH	Raku Square Rattle Bumble Bee: Wisdom			
RK-SQ	Raku Square Rattle Smooth: Smooth Saling			
RK-SS	Raku Square Rattle Starry Starry Night: Creativity			
RK-ST	Raku Square Rattle Sea Turtle: Endurance & Independence			
	NON RAKU RATTLES			
1AN-H	Heart Rattle Guardian Angel: Miracles			
1G-MS	Square Rattle Mermaid Sisters: Adventure			
1G-MJ	Square Rattle Single Mermaid: Adventure			
1SG-H	Heart Rattle Song and Music Maker: Healing			
CODE	RAKU ORNAMENTS	#	EACH	TOTAL
RK-ORN	12 Assorted Raku Ornaments			
RK-ORHD	Raku Heart Ornament Dragonfly			
RK-ORHS	Raku Heart Ornament Starry Night			
RK-ORHT	Raku Heart Ornament Tapestry			
RK-ORP3	Raku Pinecome Ornament Fat			
RK-ORP1	Raku Pinecone Ornament Closed			
RK-ORRDF	Raku Round Ornament Dragonfly			
RK-ORRP	Raku Round Ornament Pine Cone			
RK-ORRSea	Raku Round Ornament Sea Turtle			
RK-ORNSEA	Raku Round Ornament Seahorse			
RK-ORRS	Raku Round Ornament Starry Night			
RK-ORS	Raku Star Ornament Smooth			
RK-ORST	Raku Star Ornament Tapestry			
RK-ORTD	Raku Teardrop Ornament Dragonfly			
RK-ORTS	Raku Teardrop Ornament Starry			
	*CHOOSE YOUR QUANTITY DISCOUNT RATTLE or ORNAMENT	#	TOTAL	
RK-1	Free innerSpirit Rattle Per Every Dozen (With 3 Dozen Minimum)			
RK-2	Free Raku Ornament Per Every Dozen (With 3 Dozen Minimum)			
	Total #			

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Born and raised in Far West Texas, the vast high desert proved to be fertile ground for inspiration to ceramic artist, John Davis. Living in the land of the Chihuahuan Desert and the mysterious Marfa Lights, John's art carries with it a sense rich with history and the rustic romance of the isolated, and primitive beauty.

John's inspiration for his line of Raku pottery came from watching his young daughters dig with their toy shovels in the pasture around their house looking for "treasures."

The girls' trappings – unusual rocks, rusted horse shoes, tarnished coins - discovered in territory once roamed by nomadic Indians, African American Buffalo Soldiers, and Mexican revolutionaries, made John want to create something that epitomized the soul and culture of the land.

innerSpirit Rattles
inspired by nature's perfectly perfect imperfections



When my daughters were little girls, they'd take their toy shovels and go outside to dig all over the place. They were always excited about digging for treasures. That gave me the idea to create objects that looked like an artifact found in an archaeological dig.
~ John Davis



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RATTLES WERE A NATURAL CHOICE.

Ancient rattles represent humanity's shared heritage. These early music makers, found in archaeological digs in even the most remote places on earth, hold deep cultural and historical importance.

Handcrafted from inventive materials by resourceful peoples, the artifacts are testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Once John decided on the object of clay, he started thinking about the surface design. He knew his daughters were drawn to their bounty, because of its imperfections. Rough textures, misshapen shapes, and rusted patinas made each item unique—making the rubble special and wonderful to the girls.

THIS REMINDED JOHN OF THE RAKU POTTERY HE MADE IN COLLEGE.

Raku pottery was inspired by the Wabi Sabi aesthetic philosophy of celebrating beauty in what's natural (flaws and all). This belief was particularly important to 16th century Japanese tea masters. Calling for tranquility and harmony, the tea preparation, "the Way of Tea", was (and still is) a ritual of purity and simplicity.

In the spirit of eclecticism, ceramic tea bowls used by these prominent tea masters were handmade, irregularly shaped with uneven glazes, and were often broken. They were deliberate imperfections made by removing the red hot vessels from the kiln and then setting the fiery pottery on the ground to cool rapidly.

Their results were always unpredictable, leaving pottery shaped more by the forces of the fire and natural characteristics of the clay, than by a careful hand. This was thought to better reflect the spirit of the maker. The abnormal vessels were prized more because of (not in spite of) their mottled surfaces, and tiny cracks.

Even though the Raku firing process originated in Japan, the rustic look has the essence of an artifact unearthed from a lost Indian camp ground on the Rio Grande in the nearby Big Bend National Park. The intense and labor-intensive procedure produces an organic, earthy splendor that only trial by fire can create - not unlike the imperfect treasure that's hidden within us all.

Native Americans used rattles to ensure blessings upon their crops. Use your rattle to help rattle some rain into your life, some rain out of your life, to rattle your worries away, or just to keep your papers from blowing astray.



innerSpirit Rattles

J. Davis Studio is a small pottery studio in Alpine, Texas. Located in the vast and peaceful Chihuahuan Desert, close to Big Bend National Park, the area is isolated and rugged

There is arguably a unique energy springing from this uncluttered and far flung part of the world. The wild mountainous geography has a curious way of reinforcing faith, dredging up an unknown inner strength, and sparking a deep appreciation for even the smallest things in life.

This feeling is a gift that may be (*just maybe*) captured inside the hard clay shell of each handmade *innerSpirit* Rattle. Perhaps it's an aura that seeps in, or a sticky essence picked up while being made one-by-one in a land once roamed by Native Americans and African American Buffalo soldiers.

If you are not convinced of the peculiar energy of the far west Texas area, consider the mysterious orbs of light that skip and dance along the plains of Alpine's neighbor, Marfa, Texas. For over a hundred years, try as they might, scientists still can't explain them.

innerSpirit Rattles represent simplicity and survival. Ancient rattles represent humanity's shared heritage. These early music makers, found in archaeological digs in even the most remote places on earth, hold deep cultural and historical importance.

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J. Davis Studio's sweet little *bibelots* are first shaped in clay, then drenched with an iridescent Raku glaze to create swirls of coppery plums, reds, blues, ochres, and greens. Pick your rattle up from its nestling spot on a desk or vanity, and the tiny balls tucked inside make a soft soothing sound. No two look or sound alike.



Go ahead. Pick up an innerSpirit Rattle. Cup it in the palm of your hand. Focus on the weight. Now give it a shake. Did you feel that? Of course you did! Your shoulders just relaxed. That's stress leaving your body. Naturally.

Okay... now for the biggie. Think of one thing for which you are grateful. Come on. You can think of at least one. Pay attention. There! Now you feel it.

That's amazing, huh? Your heart and your head just pushed your worries aside. Think *gratitude* to unite your mind, body, and spirit to conquer fear.

Use the rattle as a tool. Make some funky music. Shake to the rhythm of your favorite song, or to the beat of your own drum. Use it to rattle your worries away, or (if you insist) just to keep your papers from blowing astray.



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Exploring a display of innerSpirit Rattles is an interactive and musical experience often drawing others around into fun and lively conversations. Because the Wabi-Sabi inspired Raku firing process produces a one-of-a-kind asymmetrical surface, and each innerSpirit Rattle has its own unique sound, people love turning them over and over and shaking them one-by-one until they find the one that “speaks to them.”



Iris at the Basin



American Made



Route 66



Gypsy Muse

Blanton Museum of Art
University of Texas at Austin



Encourage curiosity!

Download our story sheet to place inside a frame. Set it next to innerSpirit Rattles near the register to give customers something fun to do while waiting. Display the rattles in their boxes, a bowl, in tall candle holders (like the above photo), or in trays filled with sand or coffee beans.



Galeria Zia



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What others say:

I was looking for something just truly unique on our trip and stopped in an art gallery in the Denver airport and found your artwork. I have my Raku rattle next to my workspace and when I need to slow down or count my blessings, I pick it up and it gives me a great deal of pleasure and brings calm to my day. ~Anne

I had to share with you that your bio and table tent info brought tears to my eyes and my heart is so full of Love! Thank you! ~Char

I photocopied the wonderful page which you send that tells the story of Gratitude and give it to our customers who purchase the rattles. They even ask for a copy to enclose with a gift purchase. Good job. ~Cynthia

I just ordered my third and fourth dozen rattles. I give them as gifts and everyone loves them. It feels so good to give them...seeing the joy and how touched people are by them. Four more just left, on their way to Bastrop Fire Victims. Now the people I've given them to, want more to give as gifts...What a joy you all have shared. Peace and Happiness ~Linda

Was looking for a special Christmas gift for my aunt and uncle who are in their late 70's. They've been downsizing and getting rid of many of their possessions. Thus making it difficult to find something to purchase for them. When I saw your Raku Heart-Shaped Rattles, in the gift shop, I knew I had found the perfect gift. ~Andrea

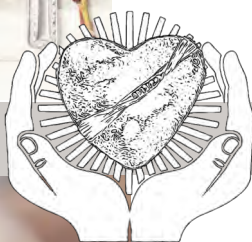
It's fun to have something interactive for people to play with. At the gallery we have a sign that says "place rattle in palm and shake gently" and people will stand there and pick up each one and get totally absorbed in the rattle experience. ~Sheri



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Each carved motif is accompanied by its own meaningful sentiment.

Like the lights that dance and play above the plains of Marfa, Texas, the power of gratitude cannot be explained.

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