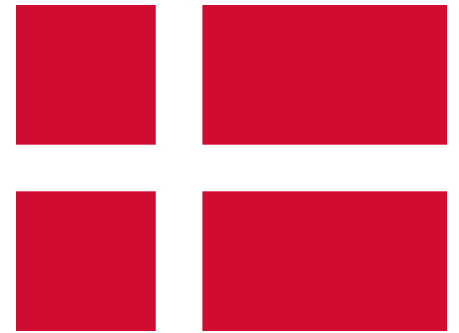


# Denmark



Denmark is a Scandinavian country in Northern Europe. The country of Denmark, together with Greenland and the Faroe Islands, comprises the Kingdom of Denmark. It is the southernmost of the Nordic countries, southwest of Sweden and south of Norway, and bordered to the south by Germany.

Denmark is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government and has been a member of the European Union since 1973.

From 2006 to 2008, surveys ranked Denmark as "the happiest place in the world", based on standards of health, welfare and education. The 2009 Global Peace Index survey ranks Denmark as the second most peaceful country in the world.



Guiding in Denmark began in 1910 when some girls joined a Boy Scout group. Within a few years the girls had their own organization, Det Danske Pigespejderkorps (The Danish Guide Association), and in 1919 the KFUK-Spejderne i Danmark (The YWCA Girl Guides) was formed. These two associations joined in 1928 to form the National Organization, Pigespejdernes Fællesråd Danmark (The Joint Committee of Girl Guides in Denmark) when Denmark became a Founder Member of WAGGGS.

In 1976 the structure of the Joint Committee was changed to include Danske Baptisters Spejderkorps (The Danish Baptist Guide and Scout Association) as a separate association (they had previously been members through KFUK-Spejderne i Danmark). HRH Princess Benedikte is the President of the Joint Committee.

## Danish birthday song

(Name) har fødselsdag, og det har hun jo, og det er i dag  
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Og hør nu her, hvordan vi alle spille vil  
Og hør nu her, hvordan vi spille vil



Pretend to play a musical instrument for a minute. Repeat 3 times with different instruments each time. In the last verse (the fourth time) replace the last two lines with these two:

Og hør nu her, et hurra højt vi råbe vil  
Og hør nu her, hvordan vi råbe vil

## Danish braided heart

The Danish braided heart is a Christmas tradition of the Scandinavian country. The baskets are hung on the Christmas tree and filled with items that can be eaten or they are given as gifts to each other.

1. Find two pieces of paper (preferably different colours)
2. Fold the paper and put the template on the paper, so that the bottom goes along with the fold.
3. Draw round the template and remember to draw up the two straight lines as well.
4. Cut out the one piece and remember to cut up the two straight lines (do not cut them too short or it will get too difficult)
5. Make another one, as it takes two parts to make a heart.
6. You are now ready to actually braid the heart. Take the first section of the one in your right hand and put all of it through the first section in your left hand.
7. Now the part in the right hand has to go outside of the part in your left hand. Remember that it always has to look the same on both sides of the heart.
8. Then take the last bit of the first section in your right hand and put it through the last upper section in your left hand.
9. Now the first section of the part from your right hand is done, and you can carry on to the second section.
10. This time you start by going on the outside, then on the inside and then you finish that section off, by going on the outside.
11. Make sure that the first two sections are all the way to the top on the one in your left hand, so that you have space to the last section.
12. The last section has to go in, out, in, and you might need to squeeze a little bit in order to make it fit.
13. Now your heart should be done, and then it should look alike on both sides, and be capable of being opened.

