

## Culture Bridge ...



... Means Understanding Others And Reflecting Our Own Situation

### Bleigießen (lead pouring)



Lead pouring is an old European tradition used for fortune telling. It was once widespread throughout Europe, but today some people in Germany do it as a funny game on New Year's Eve.

And this is how it works:

1. You buy a packet of special lead pouring plumb in a supermarket or a store. But you can also use tin or a mixture of both.
2. When you're sitting together everybody takes a spoon and a piece of plumb, which, when you buy it, has often the form of an animal or a talisman.
3. Now you take a candle and hold your spoon above the flame.
4. Wait until the mass becomes fluid and melts. Attention! Hot plumb or whatever you use is dangerous, because it can sputter and in case of contact with your skin, you'll get to know what a real painful blister is.
5. Carefully pour the liquid into a basin with water. Then it is going to shape into something that you'll have to interpret. There is for example the shape of a heart for falling in love soon or a flower for a blossoming friendship.
6. When finished, throw the spoons away because they are poisonous now.



Note: Sometimes you need a lot of imagination to interpret the results of your lead pouring!

