



The Sweet Swede
Gift Giving Chocolates & Candy

Polka Pig (Polkagris)

Traditional Swedish Candy Sticks

Polkagris (translated literally **Polka Pig**) is a Swedish candy stick that was invented in 1859 in the town of Gränna, Sweden and remains a popular candy tradition in the town. Similar looking to a straight candy cane the Polka Pig is actually softer and comes in a multitude of incredible flavors such as Sour Rhubarb, Blueberry, Pear, Whiskey, Beer, Tutti Frutti, Cappuccino, Strawberry, Black Licorice, Lemon and many more!

This flavorful confection is made and sold in about fifteen candy shops in Gränna and one in Old Town Stockholm. Watching Polkagris be made and enjoying the many forms and flavors is a tradition in Sweden that many treasure.

Where can I get a Polka Pig? Soon you'll be able to find American-made Polka Pigs at The Sweet Swede. Make the trip to The Sweet Swede in Lindstrom, Minnesota (a.k.a. America's Little Sweden) and watch it being made by hand. Our confectioners will be trained by our sister store in Gränna to make this traditional sweet as authentic as can be.

Where did the name come from?

"Polka" may refer to the way traditional polkagris is made, twisting sugar dough ribbons similar to the lively swirling dance or polka which was a novelty when the polkagris was invented. "Gris" means "pig" and was at that time used as an expression for candy. Our Swedish sister Elinor says that "gris" can also be a term of endearment to children.

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