Hex Signs

The "Pennsylvania Dutch," were actually Germans. Their "hex signs" were painted on barns, carved into furniture, and hammered on to utensils. They were thought to bring luck, love and abundance, and ward off misfortune such as fire and lightning.

Hex signs were originally called "sech circles," because the first ones all included a six-pointed star in a circle. The Pennsylvania Dutch call them "Hexere" or "jinks." They are usually painted in bright colors. These are just a few of the designs.

The Unicorn Hex
Strength and courage to strive for your goals; virtue; love; faith, hope and charity.

The Six-Pointed Love Hex
All the kinds of love, and protection of them.

The Good Luck Hex
Happiness

The Triple, Five-Pointed Star of Luck, Love and Happiness Hex
Also strong protection against fires.

The Distlefink Hex
Good luck, love and happiness. Often put on new houses; insures a happy household, especially if it has a blue background. The tulips mean faith, hope and charity.

The Lucky Star Hex
Each color symbolizes luck, in many things: lucky in love, lucky in fortune, lucky in friendship, lucky in your job, etc. Also a protection against fire.

The Health Hex
Protection of your health from all disease. The various diseases are represented by different colors in the rosette.

The Oak Leaf Hex
Strength in body, mind and character. The scalloped border represents smooth sailing in life.