



Leprechaun

A leprechaun is a type of fairy in Irish folklore. It is usually described as a little bearded man, dressed in green, who participates in mischief. They are solitary creatures who spend their time making and mending shoes and have a hidden pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.



# Legends say...

Leprechauns are great mischief makers who often play pranks on people, such as riding their sheep or dogs during the night or causing small accidents around the house. Occasionally it is said that they "adopt" a family and faithfully follow the members during their travels. However, if not treated well, a leprechaun will abandon the family after causing trouble. Some stories claim that leprechauns are the offspring of evil spirits and bad fairies. However, one legend says that the leprechaun is actually the Irish god Lug.

According to Irish legends, people are lucky enough to find a leprechaun and capture him. If captured by a human, the leprechaun has the magical power to grant three wishes in exchange for their freedom but dealing with leprechauns can be a tricky proposition.



One of the most recognizable leprechauns in popular culture is Lucky the Leprechaun, the mascot of the General Mills breakfast cereal Lucky Charms. One other famous leprechaun is from the "Leprechaun" horror/comedy film series.



# Leprechaun Day

Leprechaun Day is a dedicated day to the little elves of Ireland on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. On Leprechaun Day, people take a few minutes to admire their own "pot of gold". Or, they do something to grow or increase the size of it. Short of these two activities, children go out and try to catch a Leprechaun!

# What's your **LEPRECHAUN** name?



## The first letter of your name:

A - Adorable

H - Helpful

O - Outgoing

V - Vibrant

B - Bubbly

I - Itchy

P - Playful

W - Witty

C - Cheerful

J - Jolly

Q - Quiet

X - X-tra Special

D - Dreamy

K - Kind

R - Restless

Y - Youthful

E - Eager

L - Lucky

S - Silly

Z - Zany

F - Fussy

M - Musical

T - Timid

G - Grouchy

N - Noisy

U - Useful

## The month you were born:

Jan. - McCheesy

May - McWiggles

Sept. - McBlarney

Feb. - O'Gratin

June - O'Lucky

Oct. - O'Doodles

March - McMuffin

July - McNoodles

Nov. - McWobbles

April - O'Really

Aug. - O'Wacky

Dec. - O'Goofy

