



ALL ABOUT TRINKET TRADING



A POCKET GUIDE TO
MAGIC, MANNERS, AND
MERRIMENT

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What is
trinket
trading?

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It's a playful faire tradition
where people trade tiny treasures
like baubles, charms, pins, or
coins. It brings a dash of
whimsy, a sprinkle of story, and
a lot of smiles.

This guide is just that: a guide,
not law! Use your best
judgment, and be safe, kind, and
thoughtful.

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What makes
a good
trinket?

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✓ Small, fun, and safe to carry ✓

✓ No food or glass ✓

✓ Handmade is lovely,
but not required ✓

✓ Keep it simple - only bring
what you'd happily trade for a
rock! ✓

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What is

not

a trinket?

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⊗ Anything that looks like it could
be sold by a merchant ⊗

⊗ Anything promoting a business
or brand ⊗

⊗ Anything being sold - Trinkets
are always free ⊗

⊗ Remember to respect the artists
and vendors who make their living
at faire. ⊗



Who can
trade?



Anyone who wants to!

Kids, grownups, merchants,
performers - if someone's
wearing an **orange ribbon** or
trader symbol, they're in.
(Always ask a guardian before
trading with a child.)

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How do
I find other
traders?

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At WRF and ORF, you'll
mostly see **orange ribbons**,
but some folks wear
the trader symbol too.



At other faires, look for
the trader symbol - that's the
universal sign for "let's trade!"

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Can I just
give trinkets
away?

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Absolutely! Trinket gifting is
part of the fun.

Tips and coin are still the best
way to support performers, but
a trinket can be a sweet gesture.

If you're offered a trade and
choose not to take a trinket,
always leave one in return.

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Can I
trade with
merchants?

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Sometimes! But:

Look for a ribbon, symbol, or sign at their booth. If you don't see any of these, then the merchant is not participating.

Don't interrupt a sale or customer conversation.

Never ask to trade for something they're selling - trinkets are for trinkets only!



*Give with generosity,
receive with grace.*

That's the heart
of trinket trading.



If you're done reading this
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