



OBJECT ID	1996.64.12
OBJECT NAME	Wrapping Paper Roll Cutter
OBJECT COLLECTION	CUPID CANDIES (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1962 – 1996
MATERIAL	Metal; Paper; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Stefanos, John (is related to) Stefanos, Polychronis (is related to)

RELATED ITEMS

Kettle, 1996.64.1.D
Vessle Start, (Burner), 1996.64.2
Ladle, 1996.64.3
Thermometer, Candy, 1996.64.4
Thermometer, Candy, 1996.64.5
Blender, 1996.64.6
Hot Fudge Warmer, 1996.64.7
Can, Food Storage, 1996.64.8.A
Canister, Food-storage, 1996.64.8.B
Tray, Flatware, 1996.64.9.A
Candy Cooling Trays, 1996.64.9.B
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.A
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.B
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.C
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.D
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.E
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.F
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.G
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.H
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.I
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.J
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.K
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.L
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.M
Pitcher, 1996.64.10.N
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.A
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.B
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.C
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.D
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.E
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.F
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.G
Box, Candy, 1996.64.11.H
Cutter, Sugar, 1996.64.13
Crock, 1996.64.14
Ad, Newspaper, 1996.64.15.A
Photograph, 1996.64.15.B
Bag, 1996.64.15.C
Sign, 1996.64.15.D
Sign, 1996.64.15.E
Sign, 1996.64.15.F
Sign, 1996.64.15.G
Sign, 1996.64.15.H
Sign, 1996.64.15.I
Ad, Newspaper, 1996.64.15.J
Spring, Spiral, 1996.64.16

ACCESS POINTS

1962
1996
cupid candies
Metal
New Years
paper
Paper Cutter
Roll Paper
Wood
Wrapping Paper

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Metal and wood paper roll cutter. The cutter has two metal legs, each with a perpendicular metal base with holes on each side, presumably for fastening the cutter to a tabletop. The legs are attached at the top by a wooden connector that is attached to each leg with two bolts. Centered on the inside of each leg is a metal U-shaped holder on which the wooden dowel rod that runs through the roll of paper is mounted. About one inch below the wooden connector, mounted on the inside by bolts on each metal leg are moveable metal arms that are attached to a weighted metal blade for cutting the paper from the roll. The blade is moveable so as to adjust to different sized rolls of paper. On the wooden dowel is a roll of Christmas-decorated paper with colored images of mistletoe and the words "Christmas" and "Happy New Year."

ORIGIN

Donated by John and Polychronis Stefanos. The paper cutter was used for wrapping items in the Cupid Candies store. Cupid Candies was founded in 1936 by Paul and Pauline Stefanos. Through the 1940's and into the 1970's the company continued to expand to larger manufacturing facilities and more stores. At its peak, Cupid Candies had three stores at Orlando Park, Evergreen Park, and Oak Lawn. The paper cutter is most likely from the Evergreen Park store, which was opened in 1962 and closed in 1996. John Stefanos was owner of all three stores. The Evergreen Park store was closed due to the continued expansion of the company and the inability of Stefanos to manage the multiple locations. Cupid Candies continues to operate under John Stefano's leadership and provides assorted candies and chocolates to numerous candy shops in the Chicago area.

CITATION

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