

# The Pie Safe

An antique pie safe is a cozy addition to any country home. It was originally used for centuries to store cakes, pies, and other sweets away from flies and other pests.

Many also had a drawer(s) for extra storage in the kitchen. These days, you can find pie safes in many rooms of a country style home.

Personally, mine is in my living room, however, I have used it in other rooms over the years. It provide extra storage for quilts/throws, and well as smaller items, such as paper, envelopes, and stamps in the small drawer.

Most pie safes were made of pine, however, other woods were used. Mine is made of oak, and I couldn't be happier! Some pie safes are tall (like mine) offering a 4 door area with shelves and one drawer, while others have two large doors with shelves and a deep drawer below.

**Other names for a pie safe are: pie cabinet, pie cupboard, kitchen safe, screened safe.**

A lot of pie safes were painted. Some hold layers, upon layers, of paint colors, as did mine. After mine was stripped and refinished, there were just a couple of places where the green paint faintly remains. I don't mind...I feel like it adds character, but that's just personal opinion.

The pie safe, most likely, was originally introduced to the U.S. by the Germans that immigrated to Pennsylvania and became known as the Pennsylvania Dutch. This must be why I adore pie safes so much, because I have a great fascination with anything German, as I have German ancestors.

If you own a pie safe, or have a fascination with them, like I do, I'd love to hear about it!

