

## The Horsechestnut Gate at St. Mary's Church in Lübeck, Germany

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I have seen a lot of gates, but perhaps none as whimsical as the horsechestnut gate in St. Mary's Church in Lübeck, Germany.



The primary decorative elements are buckeyes and what look like buckeye husks which split open several times. The buckeyes serve as the rivet heads for the rivets which hold together double C scrolls.

One end of each scroll is a buckeye husk, the other end is tapered and split. The double C scrolls are affixed to the side and bottom of the frame by single C scrolls which have just a tapered end.

The scrolls in the top row have a leaf forge-welded to them which extends beyond the top of the frame. The leaf is a single leaf from a horsechestnut tree and the stem too is welded to the top of the frame.