WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A carrier for holding a plurality of articles, the carrier comprising:

a plurality of panels at least partially extending around an interior of the carrier, the plurality of panels comprising at least a bottom panel; and

a retention tab for engaging at least a portion of an article of the plurality of articles, the retention tab being foldably connected to at least the bottom panel adjacent an opening in at least the bottom panel, the retention tab comprising a distal portion foldably connected to a first proximal portion along a first fold line, foldably connected to a second proximal portion along a second fold line, and foldably connected to a third proximal portion along a third fold line, the first fold line being spaced apart from the second fold line, wherein

the distal portion is generally spaced apart from the bottom panel for engaging at least a bottom portion of the at least one article;

each of the first proximal portion, the second proximal portion, and the third proximal portion extends from the bottom panel to the distal portion and are foldably connected to the bottom panel;

a first edge of the distal portion extends between the first fold line and the second fold line; and

a second edge of the distal portion extends between the third fold line and the second fold line.

2. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the distal portion is generally parallel to the bottom panel.

3. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the third fold line is generally collinear with the first fold line.

4. The carrier of claim 1, wherein a portion of the distal portion extends between respective ends of the first fold line and the third fold line.

5. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the first edge of the distal portion extends from an end of the first fold line to an end of the second fold line.

6. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the first proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fourth fold line, the second proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fifth fold line, and the fourth fold line is spaced apart from the fifth fold line.

7. The carrier of claim 6, wherein the first fold line, the second fold line, the third fold line, and the fourth fold line are generally parallel with one another.

8. The carrier of claim 6, wherein the fourth fold line is spaced apart from the first fold line by a first distance, the fifth fold line is spaced apart from the second fold line by a second distance, and the first distance is greater than the second distance.

9. A carrier for holding a plurality of articles, the carrier comprising:

a plurality of panels at least partially extending around an interior of the carrier, the plurality of panels comprising at least a bottom panel; and

a retention tab for engaging at least a portion of an article of the plurality of articles, the retention tab being foldably connected to at least the bottom panel adjacent an opening in at least the bottom panel, the retention tab comprising a distal portion foldably connected to a first proximal portion along a first fold line and to a second proximal portion along a second fold line, the first fold line being spaced apart from the second fold line, wherein

the distal portion is generally spaced apart from the bottom panel for engaging at least a bottom portion of the at least one article; and

each of the first proximal portion and the second proximal portion extends from the bottom panel to the distal portion and are foldably connected to the bottom panel, the first proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a third fold line, the second proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fourth fold line, and the third fold line is spaced apart from the fourth fold line,

wherein an edge of the bottom panel extends from the third fold line to the fourth fold line along the opening.

10. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a side panel foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fourth fold line, and the opening extends into the side panel, interrupting the fourth fold line.

11. The carrier of claim 10, wherein the bottom panel comprises a bottom bevel panel at least partially defined by the fourth fold line, the opening extending in the bottom bevel panel.

12. The carrier of claim 1, wherein the bottom panel is a first bottom panel, the retention tab is a first retention tab, the plurality of panels further comprises a second bottom panel at least partially in an overlapping relationship with the first bottom panel, and the carrier further comprises a second retention tab foldably connected to the second bottom panel.

13. The carrier of claim 1 in combination with an article of the plurality of articles, the bottom portion of the article comprising a dome feature and an inner rim extending generally downwardly from the dome feature, wherein the distal portion of the retention tab engages the inner rim.

14. The combination of claim 13, wherein a distal edge of the distal portion engages the inner rim of the article, the distal edge being disposed opposite to the first proximal portion and the second proximal portion.

15. The combination of claim 13, wherein a portion of the distal portion proximate the first proximal portion and the second proximal portion is generally spaced apart from the dome feature of the article.

16. A blank for forming a carrier for holding a plurality of articles, the blank comprising:

a plurality of panels comprising at least a bottom panel; and

a retention tab for engaging at least a portion of an article of the plurality of articles when the carrier is formed from the blank, the retention tab being foldably connected to at least the bottom panel and being at least partially separable from the bottom panel along at least one cut, the retention tab comprising a distal portion foldably connected to a first proximal portion along a first fold line, foldably connected to a second proximal portion along a second fold line, and

foldably connected to a third proximal portion along a third fold line, the first fold line being spaced apart from the second fold line, wherein

each of the first proximal portion, the second proximal portion, and the third proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel, and the distal portion is for being generally spaced apart from the bottom panel for engaging a bottom portion of the at least one article when the carrier is formed from the blank, and

the distal portion is at least partially separable from the first proximal portion along a first cut line extending at least from the first fold line to the second fold line and is at least partially separable from the third proximal portion along a second cut line extending at least from the third fold line to the second fold line.

17. The blank of claim 16, wherein the third fold line is generally collinear with the first fold line.

18. The blank of claim 16, wherein a portion of the distal portion extends between respective ends of the first fold line and the third fold line.

19. The blank of claim 16, wherein the distal portion is at least partially separable from the first proximal portion along a cut line extending at least from the first fold line to the second fold line.

20. A blank for forming a carrier for holding a plurality of articles, the blank comprising:

a plurality of panels comprising at least a bottom panel; and

a retention tab for engaging at least a portion of an article of the plurality of articles when the carrier is formed from the blank, the retention tab being foldably connected to at least the bottom panel and being at least partially separable from the bottom panel along at least one cut, the retention tab comprising a distal portion foldably connected to a first proximal portion along a first fold line and to a second proximal portion along a second fold line, the first fold line being spaced apart from the second fold line, wherein each of the first proximal portion and the second proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel, and the distal portion is for being generally spaced apart from the bottom panel for engaging a bottom portion of the at least one article when the carrier is formed from the blank,

the distal portion is at least partially separable from the first proximal portion along a cut line extending at least from the first fold line to the second fold line,

the second proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a third fold line, the cut line further extends at least from the second fold line to the third fold line, and the second proximal portion is at least partially separable from the first proximal portion and the bottom panel along the cut line.

21. The blank of claim 16, wherein the distal portion is at least partially separable from the first proximal portion along a cut line extending at least from an end of the first fold line to an end of the second fold line.

22. The blank of claim 16, wherein the first proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fourth fold line, the second proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fifth fold line, and the fourth fold line is spaced apart from the fifth fold line.

23. The blank of claim 22, wherein the first fold line, the second fold line, the third fold line, and the fourth fold line are generally parallel with one another.

24. The blank of claim 22, wherein the third proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a sixth fold line, the fourth fold line is generally collinear with the sixth fold line.

25. The blank of claim 22, wherein the second proximal portion is at least partially separable from the bottom panel along a cut line extending at least from the fourth fold line to the fifth fold line.

26. The blank of claim 16, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a side panel foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fourth fold line, and the retention panel is further separable from the side panel along the at least one cut so that the at least one cut and the retention panel interrupt the fourth fold line.

27. The blank of claim 16, wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a side panel foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fourth fold line, and an opening extends adjacent the retention tab into the side panel, interrupting the fourth fold line.

28. The blank of claim 27, wherein the bottom panel comprises a bottom bevel panel at least partially defined by the fourth fold line, the retention tab being at least partially separable from the bottom bevel panel along the at least one cut.

29. The blank of claim 16, wherein the bottom panel is a first bottom panel, the retention tab is a first retention tab, the plurality of panels further comprises a second bottom panel for being disposed in an at least partially overlapping relationship with the first bottom panel when the carrier is formed from the blank, and the blank further comprises a second retention tab foldably connected to the second bottom panel.

30. A method of forming a carrier for holding a plurality of articles, the method comprising:

obtaining a blank comprising a plurality of panels comprising at least a bottom panel, and a retention tab foldably connected to at least the bottom panel and being at least partially separable from the bottom panel along at least one cut line, the retention tab comprising a distal portion foldably connected to a first proximal portion along a first fold line, foldably connected to a second proximal portion along a second fold line, and foldably connected to a third proximal portion along a third fold line, the first fold line being spaced apart from the second fold line, each of the first proximal portion, the second proximal portion, and the third proximal portion are foldably connected to the bottom panel;

forming at least a portion of an interior of the carton by folding the plurality of panels relative to one another; and

positioning the retention tab for engaging at least a bottom portion of at least one article of the plurality of articles, the positioning the retention tab comprising positioning the distal portion of the retention tab to be generally spaced apart from the bottom panel so that each of the first proximal portion and the second proximal portion extends from the bottom panel to the distal portion, so that a first edge of the distal portion extends between the first fold line and the second fold line and a second edge of the distal portion extends between the third fold line and

the second fold line, and so that the retention tab is foldably connected to at least the bottom panel adjacent an opening at least in the bottom panel.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the positioning the distal portion of the retention tab comprises positioning the third proximal portion to extend from the bottom panel to the distal portion.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein a portion of the distal portion extends between respective ends of the first fold line and the third fold line.

33. A method of forming a carrier for holding a plurality of articles, the method comprising:

obtaining a blank comprising a plurality of panels comprising at least a bottom panel, and a retention tab foldably connected to at least the bottom panel and being at least partially separable from the bottom panel along at least one cut line, the retention tab comprising a distal portion foldably connected to a first proximal portion along a first fold line and to a second proximal portion along a second fold line, the first fold line being spaced apart from the second fold line, each of the first proximal portion and the second proximal portion are foldably connected to the bottom panel;

forming at least a portion of an interior of the carton by folding the plurality of panels relative to one another; and

positioning the retention tab for engaging at least a bottom portion of at least one article of the plurality of articles, the positioning the retention tab comprising positioning the distal portion of the retention tab to be generally spaced apart from the bottom panel so that each of the first proximal portion and the second proximal portion extends from the bottom panel to the distal portion and so that the retention tab is foldably connected to at least the bottom panel adjacent an opening at least in the bottom panel, wherein

the second proximal portion is foldably connected to the bottom panel along a third fold line, and

the positioning the retention tab further comprises folding the first proximal portion along the first fold line and folding the second proximal portion along the second fold line and the third fold line so that an edge of the distal portion extends between the first fold line and the second

fold line, and a respective edge of each of the first proximal portion, second proximal portion and bottom panel extends between the second fold line and the third fold line.

34. The method of claim 30 , wherein the plurality of panels further comprises a side panel foldably connected to the bottom panel along a fourth fold line, the forming at least a portion of the interior of the carton comprises folding the bottom panel relative to the side panel along the fourth fold line, and the opening extends into the side panel, interrupting the fourth fold line after the positioning the retention tab.

35. The method of claim 30, wherein the bottom panel is a first bottom panel, the retention tab is a first retention tab, the plurality of panels further comprises a second bottom panel, the carrier further comprises a second retention tab foldably connected to the second bottom panel, and the method further comprises positioning the first bottom panel and the second bottom panel in an at least partially overlapping relationship with one another, and positioning the second retention tab for engaging at least a bottom portion of a different article of the plurality of articles.

36. The method of claim 30, further comprising obtaining an article of the plurality of articles, the bottom portion of the article comprising a dome feature and an inner rim extending generally downwardly from the dome feature, wherein the positioning the distal portion of the retention tab comprises positioning a distal edge of the distal portion to engage the inner rim.