PYSANKY SYMBOLS



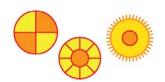
Rose or 8 pointed star

This is a symbol of Christ. It can also represent flowers (see below).



Fish

Fish are a common symbol for Christ and for Christians.



The Sun

The Sun symbolizes life, warmth, love of God and the eternal existence of God.



Birds

Birds exemplify fertility and fulfillment of wishes. Partial representations are frequently seen on pysanky. Hen's feet emphasize protection of young. Goose feet represent the spirit. Rooster's comb signifies masculinity.



Triangles and baskets

Triangles or little baskets denote the Holy Trinity. A triangle with a circle in the center denotes the eye of God.



Evergreens and pine needles

Pine needles represent eternal life.



Crosses

Crosses have several meanings and come in many different shapes. They always represent some aspect of Christian faith. Most commonly, the cross represents Christianity.



Wheat
Wheat represents wishes for good health and a good
harvest



Flowers

Flowers express the female principle denoting wisdom, elegance and beauty. Leaves and flowers also suggest life and growth.



Grapevines

Grapevines signify the good fruits of the Christian life. Grapes and wheat represent Holy Communion. Grapes can also express strong loyal love.



Diamonds

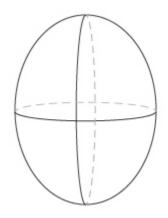
Diamonds represent knowledge and wisdom.

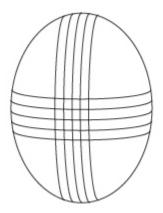


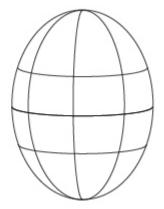
Deer or horses

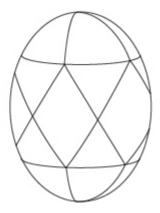
Deer and horses denote wealth and prosperity.

GUIDELINES/SECTIONS (examples, optional)









Useful links:

To purchase tools and dyes

<u>ukrainiangiftshop.com</u>**

<u>mccallisters.com</u>

<u>ukrainianegg.com</u>

Instructions and history

<u>LearnPysanky.com</u> egg-files.tripod.com

Video

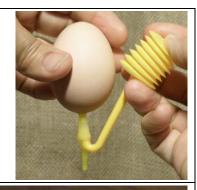
youtube.com/watch?v=blp3jF4fGBc&noredirect=1

**Where I get my supplies

- 1. Wash hands and keep hands clean.
- 2. Materials
 - kistka
 - beeswax
 - pencil
 - candle
- bowl
- design
- matches
- dyes
- egg
- paper towels &/or kleenex

3. Evacuate the egg.

I drill a small hole in one end and expel the contents with pressure from a large syringe or manual pump (shown). The hole must be sealed with wax before using the dyes.



4. Lightly pencil in guidelines and/or design (optional)

DO NOT ERASE!!



5. Heat kistka over candle flame



6. How long to heat the kistka?

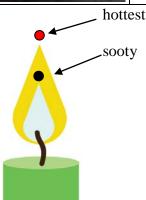
cold − 20 sec

cool – 5 sec

more wax -10 sec

NOTE – beeswax that is too hot will blob on to egg

Soot will help color the beeswax so the lines are visible



7. To fill kistka with beeswax, gently press hot kistka into beeswax. Reheat kistka for 5 sec.



8. Using the kistka, first seal the hole with wax then draw design on egg with melted wax.

NOTE: After heating the kistka, always blot the tip before drawing on the egg.

11. To reveal your design, gently melt away the wax over a candle flame and wipe away with kleenex or paper towels.



9. Make sure the hole is sealed, then immerse egg in dye bath for 2-10 min until desired color is obtained. Blot (don't wipe) with paper towel.

10. Repeat steps 5-9 to complete design. Generally go from light colors to dark colors. Orange can be used as a "wash".



12. Coat with one or more layers of polyurethane (NOT water-based).



