Kent's Egg Art The Art & Craft of Pysanky by artist Kent West

Symbol meanings:

Symbols play an important part in communicating a specific message to the receiver. Following are a few of the many examples of symbols that can be imparted.

Rose or 8 pointed star - Rebirth. Sun - Life, warmth, love of Spirit, eternal existence of Spirit Dots/Small Circles - Stars, constellations Sieve/Netting - Separating good from evil Triangles - Trinities Ladder - Prayer Never ending lines or meanders - Eternal life Flowers - Express the female principles denoting wisdom, elegance and beauty Pine needles/Periwinkle - Eternal life Waves - Water, one of the necessities of life for all of Gods creatures. Rams horns - Strength, leadership, creativity Diamonds - Knowledge

Color Meanings

Colors play an important part of the process, but, are secondary to the symbols. Here are some of the meanings of the colors most used on Pysanky.

White - Purity, light, rejoicing, virginity
Yellow - Sun, stars, moon, harvest, warmth, perpetuation of family
Gold - Spirituality, wisdom
Orange - Endurance, everlasting sun, ambition
Red - Happiness, hope, passion, blood, fire, ministry of Spirit
Red & White - Respect, protection from evil power
Blue - Sky, air, good health, truth, fidelity
Green - Spring, breaking bondage, hope, freshness, wealth
Pink - Success, contentment
Purple - Royalty, faith, trust, patience, fasting
Brown - Earth, harvest, generosity
Black - Center of the earth, eternity, darkest time before dawn, absolute
Black & White - Mourning, respect to spirits
4 or more colors - Family happiness, peace & love