FAIRYTALE EGGS

PAGE TURNER ADVENTURES

The art of painting eggs is called *Pysanky*. It comes from a Ukrainian verb *pysaty*, which means "to write." So a *pysanka* is actually an egg that is written on. True *Pysanky* artists create elaborate designs on their eggs. The process is actually quite complicated and involves melted wax and many dips in colored dye.

We've created a simpler version of this beautiful work of folk art, and your version is going to be unique to you! Don't be afraid to do something brave even if it doesn't come out right. Whatever your egg symbolizes is yours to decide!

Materials:

- Raw eggs (or hard boiled)
- Safety Pin
- Bowl
- Permanent Markers

Optional:

- Wall Spackle
- Paint/Paint Brush
- Stickers
- Glitter Glue

Directions:

1. Gently wash and dry the egg.

2. Using the pin, poke a small hole in each end of the egg. (The hole on the wide part of the egg can be a tiny bit bigger than the one on top).

3. Use the pin to carefully "scramble" the egg inside the shell.

4. Blow on the hole at the narrow end of the egg. The contents should spill out into the bowl.

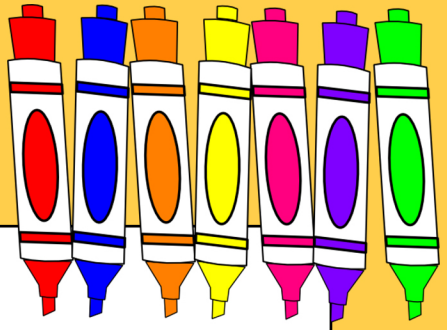
5. Rinse and dry the egg. Allow it to sit for about an hour to make sure it's drained of all liquid.

6. OPTIONAL STEP: Seal the holes in the egg with spackle. Allow to dry for one hour.

7. Decorate your egg! Use markers and paint to create elaborate designs. You can use the guide on the next page or come up with your own ideas.

8. Once the paint is dry, you can embellish your egg with stickers and glitter glue.

Which ones will you choose?

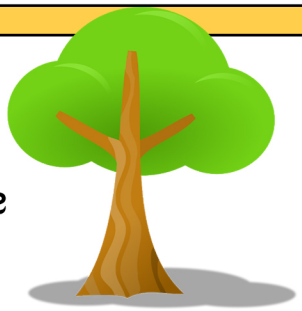


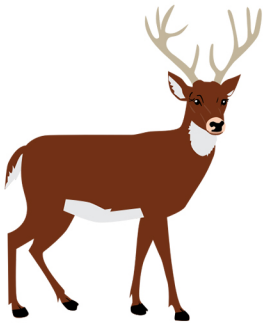
Color

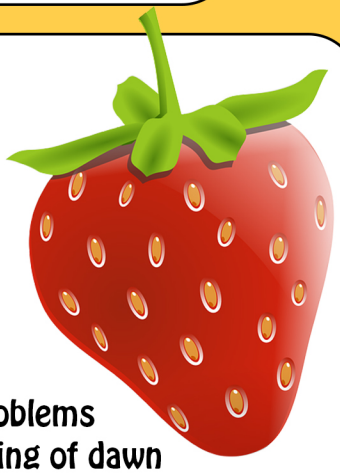
Meaning

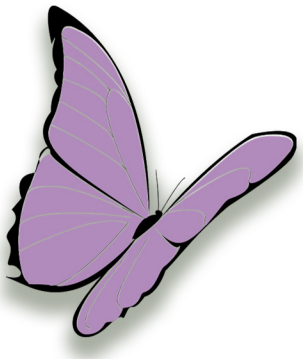
Color	Meaning
Lavender	patience power, royalty
Yellow	spirituality, youth, light, purity, happiness, wisdom
Green	youth, growing, renewal, freshness, hope
Red	beauty love, passion, enthusiasm
Orange	endurance, strength, power
Brown	earth
Blue	sky and good health from good air
Black	remembrance, eternity
White	birth, purity

Symbols







The egg itself represents life and the eternal cycle of creation

Deer	wealth, prosperity
Horns	nobility, wisdom, and triumph over problems
Roosters	good fortune, masculinity, or the coming of dawn
Butterflies	the ascent of the soul and the pleasure of childhood
Spiders	patience, artistry, and industry
Leaves and flowers	life, growth
Circles	protection, everlasting life, continuity, completeness, the sun
Stars and roses	purity, life
Wheat	bountiful harvest
Rakes	successful harvest
Plant symbols	rebirth and nature
Trees	strength, renewal, creation, growth, and eternal life
Leaves	immortality, eternal or pure love, strength, and persistence
Flowers	beauty, children, the female principles of wisdom
Fruit	continuity, good fellowship, strong and loyal love
Lines, waves, rings, encircling the egg	everlasting life
Ladders	prayers going up to heaven
Curls	protection
Spirals	the mystery of life and death, divinity and immortality