

How to Make Pysanky for under a Dollar!

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Make pysanky for under a dollar! To find out how, ask yourself these questions and use the following chart as a guideline. You can fill it in with your own numbers to plan your activity.

Q1. How many students are there in my school?

A1. Look at Column 1. This is an arbitrary number (i.e. a small school of 60), but the same calculations work for any number of students.

Q2. What is my comfort zone for the number of people in the classroom writing pysanky all at the same time?

A2. Look at Column 2 for a few comparisons. Is it 5? or 10? or 20? I say 5 is definitely manageable, 10 sounds reasonable for a novice teacher, and 20 or more is feasible with gained experience or with help from others.

Q3. Is time of the essence?

A3. Look at Column 3. The more sessions you require for the Entire School, the longer it will take.

Calculate the Number of Sessions: Column 1 divided by Column 2 = Column 3

Q4. What is the best way to conduct the sessions?

A4. I recommend dividing up your classroom into Groups of between 4 and 6 students. Look at Column 4 which is based on 5 students working together in a Group.

Calculate how many Groups you'll have in each Session: Column 2 divided by 5 = Column 4.

Q5. What Basic Supplies do I need?

A5. Look at Column 5. These are the Basic Supplies for each Group of 5 students to share. Over time, the beeswax will have to be replenished (i.e. one block is enough to make about a dozen pysanky). Although dyes can be re-used every year, some teachers replace them yearly for a nominal cost. These costs are based on 2012 prices.

Q6. Under a dollar?

A6. Look at Column 6. Yes—and this is for your initial investment! Over time, the cost per person goes down even more as you re-use the supplies over and over.

Q7. What are some other money-saving tips?

A7. See Money-Saving Tips at www.babasbeeswax.com/Workshops.

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Total Number of Students	Comfort Zone	Number of Sessions	Number of Groups in Each Session	Cost of Basic Supplies (app)	Cost Per Person (app)
60	5 students per session	12	1	5 Kistka \$25.00 5 Beeswax \$5.00 3 to 5 Dyes (i.e. 3 to 5 different colours) \$6.00 to \$10.00 5 Candleholders \$17.50 1 Instruction Pamphlet \$4.00 Total Cost: \$57.50 to \$61.50	\$.96 to \$1.03
60	10 students per session	6	2	10 Kistka \$50.00 10 Beeswax \$10.00 6 to 10 Dyes (multiples of 3 to 5 different colours) \$12.00 to \$20.00 10 Candleholders \$35.00 2 Instruction Pamphlets \$8.00 Total Cost: \$115.00 to \$123.00	\$1.92 to \$2.05
60	20 students per session	3	4	20 Kistka \$100.00 20 Beeswax \$20.00 12 to 20 Dyes (i.e. multiples of 3 to 5 different colours) \$24.00 to \$40.00 20 Candleholders \$70.00 4 Instruction Pamphlets \$16.00 Total Cost: \$230.00 to \$246.00	\$3.84 to \$4.10

Everything you need to make beautiful pysanky the traditional way!