

Pysanky (Ukrainian Egg Decorating) Workshop

Lesson Plan

for elementary grades
to be used with Student Practice Sheet

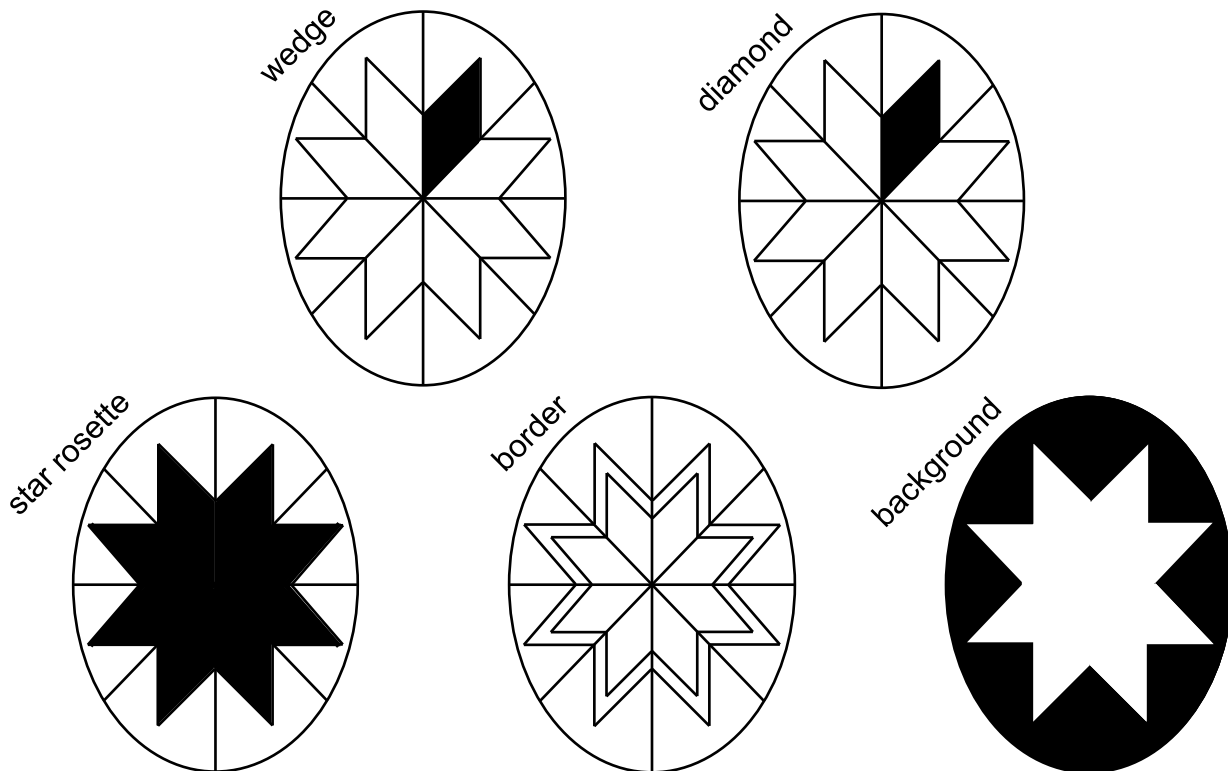
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Background

In the Workshop students will use the language of symbolism in color and design to create a story on an egg. Symbols are repeated to create a design. This Lesson Plan introduces a geometric star, with eight points, which is one of the oldest traditional Ukrainian designs. It is called a “star rosette”. The variety of interpretation of the star rosette has no limits.

Defined Terms

The shaded areas in the following examples represent terms which are used in this Lesson Plan and during the Workshop.

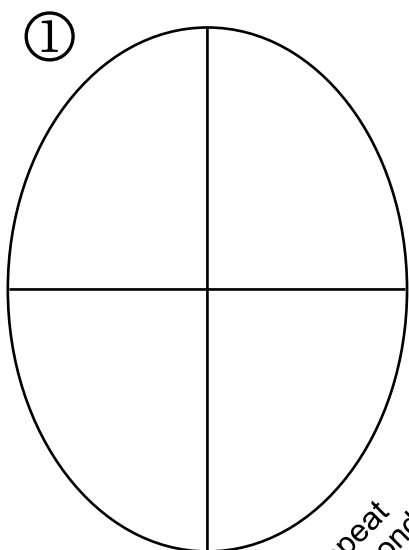


Instructions

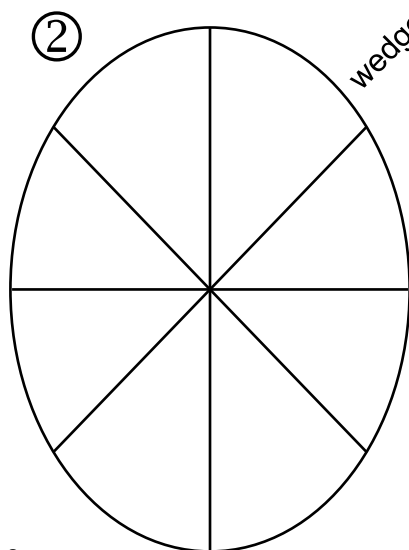
The Ukrainian name for these unique eggs is derived from a Ukrainian word which means “to write”. Students can practice **writing** the star rosette design with pencil and paper. Do not use colored pencils or crayons. This task mimics the specialized tools and technique used in the Workshop. The use of colour will be covered in the Workshop.

How to Make a Star Rosette

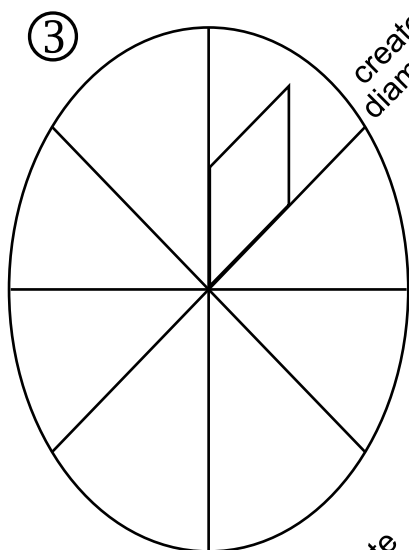
Use visual discrimination to demonstrate the following steps. If necessary, teachers can complete up to the first 4 steps for the primary student. After step 6, encourage student to create his/her own patterns, repetition and symmetry.



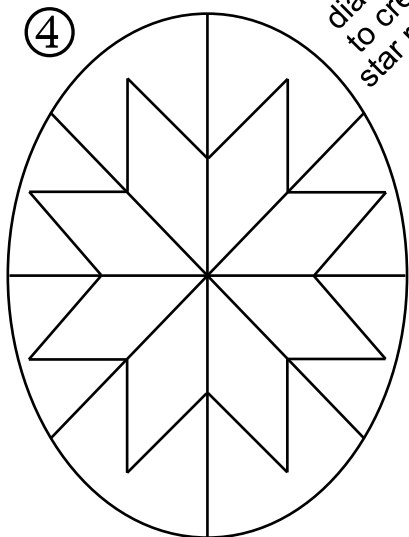
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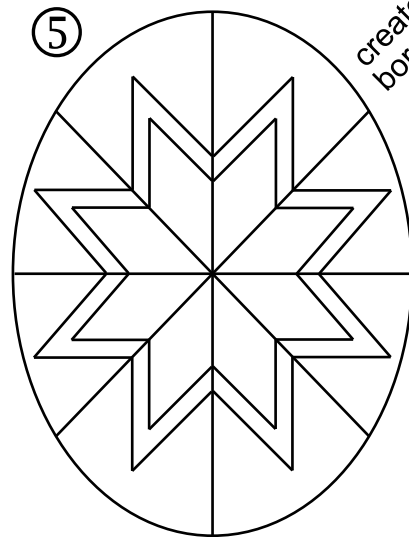
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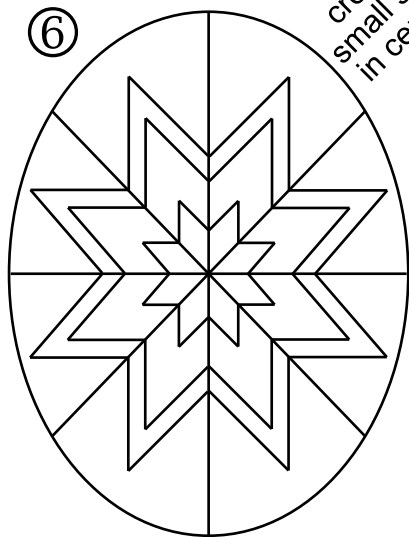
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sample



fill in areas of star rosette and add symbols and to background

sample detail in wedge (enlarged)

