



P. ZONKA EGG PARTY INSTRUCTIONS

to go with the book *P. Zonka Lays An Egg*, by Julie Paschkis



Have an egg party! Invite your friends of all ages to come over and make pysanky. You can visit while you create. Here are some instructions to help you get started.



GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES:

plastic sheets and old newspapers to cover the work tables
raw eggs at room temperature
white vinegar
cotton balls
paper towels
plastic spoons
one candle per person, in a candle holder or empty tuna can
wide-mouth, one pint canning jars for mixing the dyes



specialty items available from ukrainiangiftshop.com:

beeswax
kistkas (tools for drawing with wax)
ukrainian dyes
tool for blowing eggs



SET UP YOUR WORK AREAS:

Mix your dyes according to the instructions on the dye packets and allow them to cool to room temperature. Set up a table in a central location for the dye station. Protect the table with plastic sheeting and newspaper. Arrange the dyes on the work table from light to dark with a plastic spoon in each jar.



Set up work tables where people can sit and draw on their eggs with wax. Protect the tables with plastic sheeting, then lay down newspaper. Put a candle and kistka at each place. Place paper towels, cotton balls and little bowls of white vinegar in the center of the work tables.



Put a big bowl in the kitchen sink into which you can blow out the eggs. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Cover the counters with plastic sheeting and old newspapers. Line a cookie sheet with tin foil.



Set up a separate work table with supermarket egg dyes, crayons and hardboiled eggs. This is for the youngest guests of the party.



HOW TO DECORATE THE EGGS:

Dip a cotton ball in the vinegar and swab the egg to clean it. Pat dry with paper towels. Heat the metal part of the kistka over a candle flame. Scoop up beeswax with the back of the hot kistka.

Reheat the kistka tip. Draw with the beeswax on the egg.

Go to the dye table and dip the egg in a light color. The dye will not stick to the waxed line.

Pat the egg dry with a paper towel.

Repeat the process over and over using a darker dye each time.

The wax lines will preserve each layer of color and the egg will have many layers of beeswax.

If you make a mistake, make it part of your design.



When you have finished waxing and dying, then it's time to blow out the egg.

Carefully poke each end with a pushpin or fine drill and use a blas tool to blow it out.

Place the eggs on a foil lined cookie sheet covered in paper towels in a 200 degree oven.

Allow the wax to melt, then carefully wipe it off. Voila!

Detailed videos of how to make pysanky are available on YouTube).



Of course, no party is complete without food and drink.

Make it a potluck!

HAVE A HAPPY PYSANKY PARTY!

