

SYMBOLS AND MOTIFS

Traditional Ukrainian eggs (*pysanky*) are decorated with symbols that carry meaning and good wishes. Because this is a folk art, some meanings have changed or become lost over time. The meanings may vary, depending on the source.



HORSES

wealth and prosperity



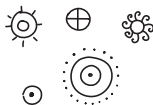
FLOWERS

wisdom, beauty, and elegance



OAK LEAF/ACORN

strength and resilience



STARS AND SUN

growth and good fortune



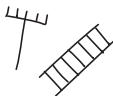
SPIRALS

protection



BIRDS

fertility and fulfillment of wishes



LADDER AND RAKE

prosperity



ROSETTE (RUZHA)

love, charity, goodwill



PINE BOUGH

strength, growth, and eternal life



FISH

originally a symbol of health, and later, Christ



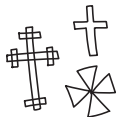
DEER

masculinity, victory, and leadership



WHEAT

abundance



CROSSES

Christ and the four corners of the world



DOTS

stars/constellations, or Mary's tears



MEANDERS

eternity, protection

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