



MAKING IT BETTER

Folk Arts in Pennsylvania Today

PAULETT SIMUNICH SHARES SOME OF THE SYMBOLISM IN HER PYSANKY:



Wheat - A generous harvest (and the life's work of the Ukrainian peasant).



Two triangles - Heaven and Earth.



Periwinkle flowers - Love, charity, and good luck.



Roses - Love and charity.



Yellow grid - The net which refers to Christians being "fishers of men."



Wavy lines - Life-giving water from the heavens.



Deer - A wish for good health, wealth, and prosperity.



The sun - Good fortune.

Dots - Stars, or the Blessed Virgin Mary's tears.

White lines - Eternity.

Triangles - Air/fire/water, or heaven/earth/hell, or the Christian Trinity.

COLORS

White - Purity, innocence, virginity, and birth.

Blue - The sky and life giving air, and a talisman of good health.

Black - Constancy, eternity, and remembrance.

Yellow - Light, purity, happiness, the harvest, and reward.

Orange - Endurance, strength, and worthy ambition.

Red - Action, fire, charity, spiritual awakening, joy, and divine love.