

Tips and Hints from pysanky expert Joan Brander

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Fire Safety Fact Sheet

for pysanky Ukrainian Easter egg workshops

Since 1991 Joan Brander has been teaching pysanky not only in Canada and the United States, but also across the world to people of all age levels and experience. These include school workshops, multicultural festivals, and community events. Select [this link](#) for more information about Joan Brander's pysanky enrichment programs¹.

Safety is first and foremost in Joan Brander's model of presentation. Her team of pysanky experts is trained to instruct on the use of pysanky tools responsibly and safely, complies with all candle safety rules of the [National Candle Association](#)², and has first aid training. Safety precautions and practices at her workshops include:

- supervising children at all times
- instructing participants on the correct use of tools³
- using stable, heat-resistant, aluminum foil-covered surface⁴
- using kistka tools treated with patented fire inhibitor⁵
- using sturdy, stable candle holders treated with patented fire inhibitor⁶
- preventing drafts to candles⁷
- limiting the exposure of brass tip of kistka to candle flame to 3 seconds
- always keeping burning candles within sight
- extinguishing all candles when not in use
- trimming candlewicks each time before burning
- maintaining safe candle height
- avoiding shared candles to reduce moving or jostling
- using a snuffer to extinguish candles
- using candle style best-suited for safely making pysanky
- keeping all matches and lighters out of sight
- minimizing the number and size of flammable items on the working surface

¹ <http://www.babasbeeswax.com/moreJoanBrander.htm>

² <http://candles.org/fire-safety-candles/candle-safety-rules/> Headquartered in Washington, DC, the National Candle Association is widely recognized as the leading technical authority on the safe use of candles

³ The traditional kistka tool used for making pysanky with candles has been used for many generations. When used correctly, it is safe to use

⁴ Aluminum foil will not catch fire according to email from Canada Safety Council dated April 26, 2018

⁵ These unique kistka handles are treated with a patented fire inhibitor that provides permanent protection from fire, will not burn or support flame, and prevents the spread of flame

⁶ These unique candle holders with a stable, low centre of gravity are designed for the candle style used for pysanky and are treated with a patented fire inhibitor that provides permanent protection from fire, will not burn or support flame

⁷ There is one hurricane for each candle