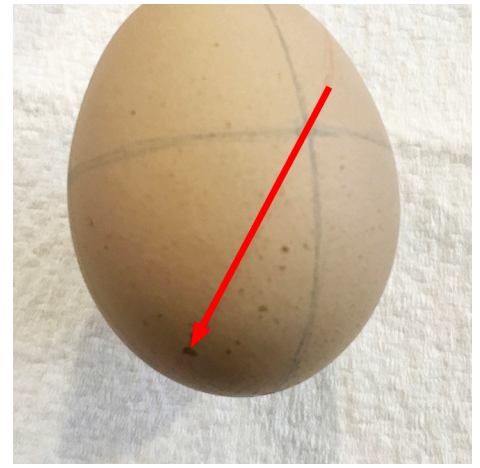
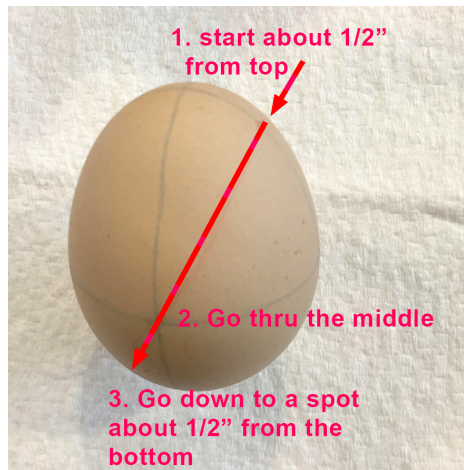
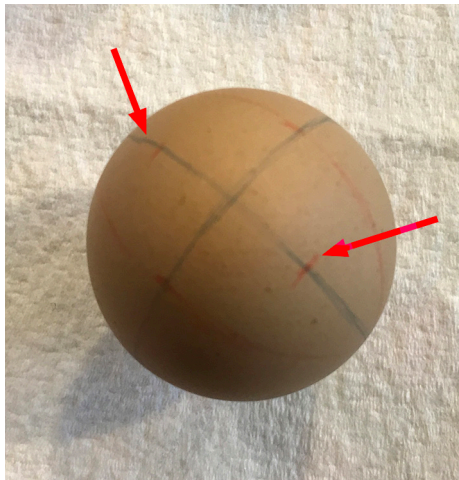
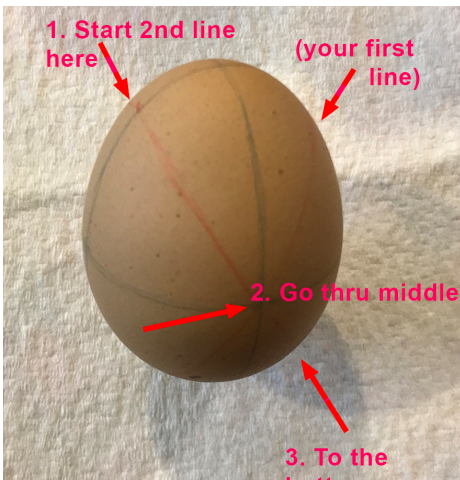


Crossed Woven Bands

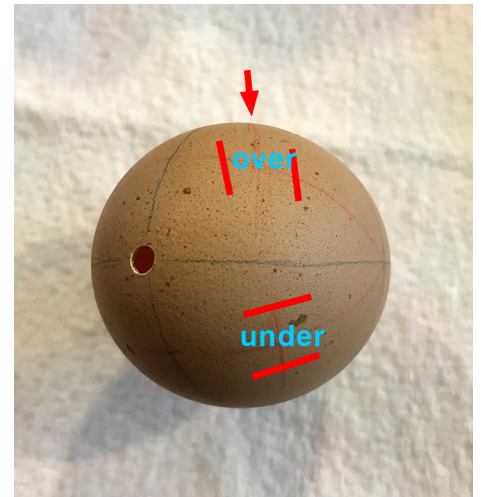
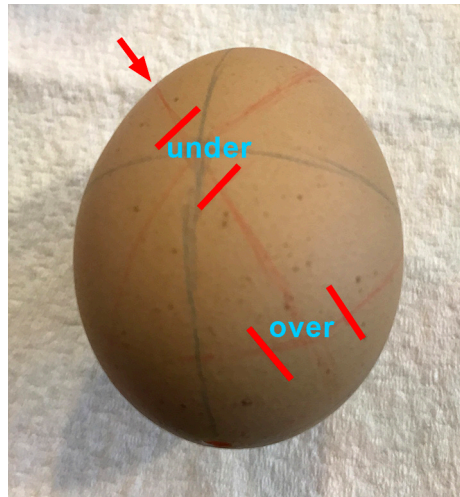
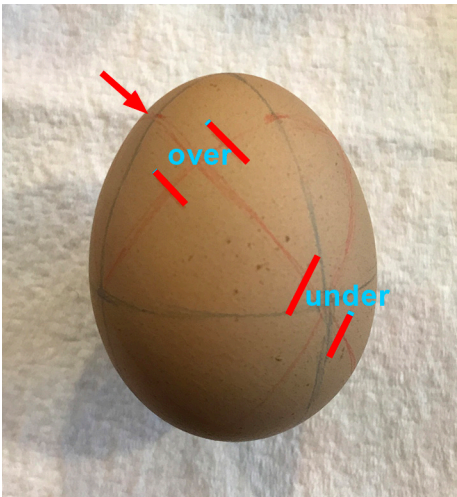
This design is another “woven bands” pattern and easily made. The picture, near right, is from the Pysanky No Tabi Facebook page; this is the work of Tetyana Solotska or one of her students in Japan. The egg on the far right is mine, which shows the diamond between the bands a little better.



Start with a basic-8 division. I found it helpful to do these lines in one color and the rest of the lines in a second color, because you will not use the basic-8 lines in the design but will use them to make your diamonds even. Draw a line from about 1/2” to the right of the top, through the middle, and down to a spot 1/2” from the bottom (pictures 2 and 3). Continue this line around the back and back up to where you started (not shown in pictures).



Make a second line the same way on the other side. Then make two more lines starting at the arrows in the middle picture, going down through the middle, and around the bottom. You will end up with four crossed lines.

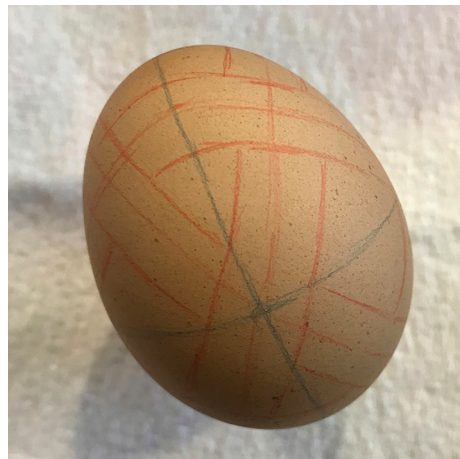
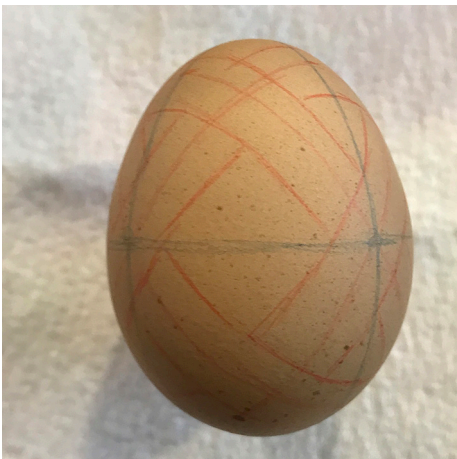


Start with any one of your lines and pencil in the width you want, and start to weave by marking the width as OVER another line, then UNDER the next one, and OVER the third and UNDER the fourth. You return to where you started. The pictures above follow one of the lines.



Do the same with the next three lines, marking over and under as you go around. Left picture shows a new line.

When you have finished all four, you need to lengthen the lines until they touch each other (middle and right)



When all of your lines have been extended to form bands, you can see the diamonds that form around the equator and on top and bottom. And the other negative spaces are triangles. You can adjust your lines to make these more even.