



# THE SECRET CODE OF VYSHYVANKA

READ THE TEXT "THE SECRET CODE OF VYSHYVANKA".  
THEN, READ THE SENTENCES BELOW. ARE THEY TRUE (FACT) OR  
FALSE (FICTION)?

The Vyshyvanka is a traditional Ukrainian embroidered shirt. It is not just beautiful clothes, it is a part of the Ukrainian cultural and national identity. In ancient times, people could guess what village a person came from just from the embroidery on their clothes.

Ukrainian embroidery has many variations from region to region. Red and black are the most common colours. Red is a symbol of the sun, good luck, and protection. Black usually means sadness or grief. In the Central and Eastern parts of Ukraine, embroidery usually consists of geometric forms and plant ornaments.

Every pattern has a secret meaning. Flora motifs are very popular. For example, an oak pattern means masculine strength and health. A viburnum tree means women's health and eternity. Fauna motifs are also interesting. A swallow is a symbol of freedom and inspiration, while a deer brings prosperity and wealth. Geometry motifs, like a diamond or a cross, give sacral protection.

Today, people wear embroidered shirts with pride because it is our history and beauty!





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ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE (FACT) OR FALSE (FICTION)  
ACCORDING TO THE STORY?

TICK THE CORRECT OPTION

1. Embroidery is a part of the Ukrainian cultural and national identity.

**True (Fact)**

**False (Fiction)**

2. Oak patterns are usually embroidered on young girls' shirts.

**True (Fact)**

**False (Fiction)**

3. The green colour in embroidery means birth and growth.

**True (Fact)**

**False (Fiction)**

4. Red and black were the most common colours of Ukrainian embroidery.

**True (Fact)**

**False (Fiction)**

5. The swallow motif symbolizes wealth and prosperity.

**True (Fact)**

**False (Fiction)**

6. In the Central and Eastern parts of Ukraine, embroidery usually consists  
of geometric forms and plant ornaments.

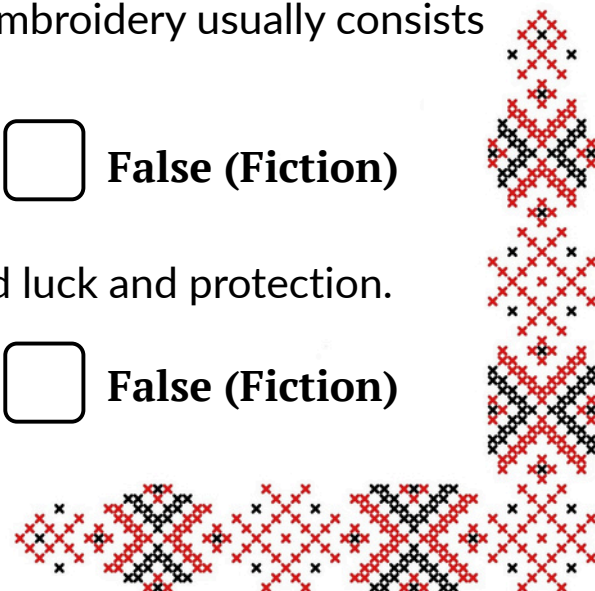
**True (Fact)**

**False (Fiction)**

7. The yellow colour is symbolic of the sun, good luck and protection.

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## EXTRA CHALLENGE

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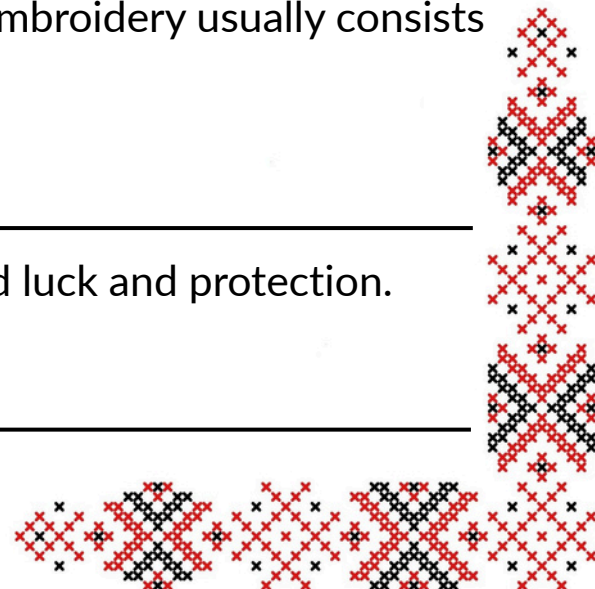
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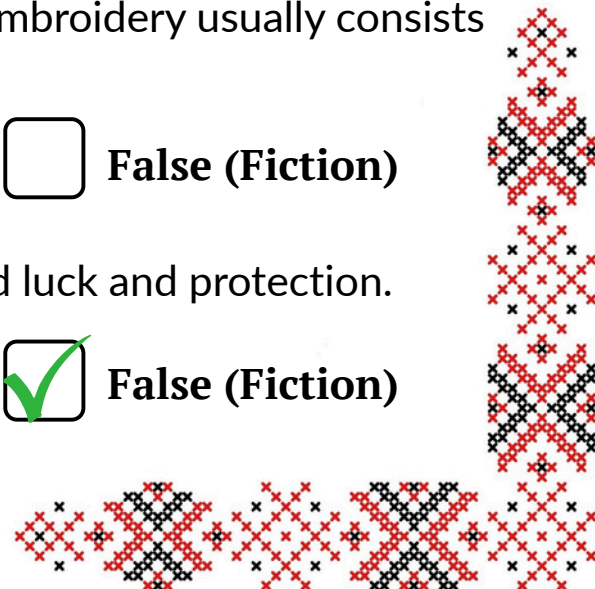
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**Fact**

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2. Oak patterns are usually embroidered on young girls' shirts.

**Fiction (Oak pattern is for men's shirts)**

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3. The green colour in embroidery means birth and growth.

**Fact**

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4. Red and black were the most common colours of Ukrainian embroidery.

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5. The swallow motif symbolizes wealth and prosperity.

**Fiction (Swallow means freedom; deer means prosperity)**

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6. In the Central and Eastern parts of Ukraine, embroidery usually consists of geometric forms and plant ornaments.

**Fact**

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7. The yellow colour is symbolic of the sun, good luck and protection.

**Fiction (Yellow means abundance; red is for the sun and protection)**

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