

FILIGREE CATEGORY

DEFINITION: A whole egg with an intricate design of cuts which leaves a delicate lace-like or geometric pattern of shell which is the major focus of the egg. Shell must not be strengthened in any manor prior to cutting. Cutting with the "flying saucer" not allowed.

LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:

Novice: 50 points needed for qualification.

1. Must use a goose eggshell.
2. Can be with or without a stand/base.
3. A print may be applied after cutting.
4. Exterior of shell must have a finish of some kind applied after cutting.
5. Must have a minimum of 25 openings.

Intermediate: 85 points needed for qualification.

1. Must use a rhea or emu eggshell.
2. At least 50% of the entire shell must be intricately cut developing a pleasing design.
3. Hole must be incorporated into the design
4. Must not be adhered to a stand/base.
5. Exterior of shell must have a finish of some kind applied after cutting.
6. A print may not be used.

Master: 95 points needed for qualification.

1. Must use an ostrich eggshell
2. A print must not be applied.
3. Entire shell to be filigreed developing a pleasing design.
4. Hole must be incorporated into the design.
5. Must be on a stand/base.
5. Exterior of shell must have a finish of some kind applied after cutting (see definition)

STANDARDS: (Judging Criteria)

I. General Creativity (20 points)

A. Originality: (15 points)

1. Inventive or creative, an original work as opposed to any copy or imitation. (No seminar designs or instruction kits allowed.)

B. Overall Impression (5 points)

1. Pleasing to the eye.

II. Design: (30 points)

A. Form/Shape (5 points)

1. Retention of the egg shape.

B. Harmony and Color (15 points)

1. Coordination of colors in/on the eggshell and stand/base.
2. Total design must be color coordinated.
 - a) Figures/scene b) Interior c) Base/stand

C. Balance Overall (10 points)

1. Elements chosen must be proportionately compatible.

III. Workmanship: (50 points)

A. Neatness (20 points)

1. Cuts to be smooth with clean edges and no jagged marks.
2. No glue showing.

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3. Clean shell surface and no membrane showing.
 4. Original hole in the shell must not be obvious. (incorporated into design)
 5. Overall neatness.
- B. Degree of Difficulty (30 points)
1. Difficulty of the design.
 2. Intricacy of the cuts.