

Crafts

Eggshell Mosaics



eggshells (washed and dried)

Easter egg dye

white craft glue

posterboard or light-weight cardboard

newspapers

1 photocopy of template per child

Preparation:

1. Break the clean, dried eggshells into small (but not tiny) pieces.
2. Color the shell pieces in separate color batches, following the Easter egg dye package instructions, and allow them to dry thoroughly.
3. Draw egg designs on separate pieces of cardboard; then glue these to cardboard sheets. Make one template for each participant.

Activity:

1. Help the children spread white glue in one area of the design and fill it in with eggshell bits. A small gap should be left between pieces. Continue until the design is filled.
2. Keep the mosaic flat and allow it to dry overnight. Shake the dried designs to allow unattached egg pieces to fall off.

These creative eggs can be hung as decorations or used to make the front of an Easter card.

Hatching Easter Chick



**2 yellow cotton balls
(or 2 yellow pom-poms)**

**1/2 of a clean eggshell
or cup from an egg carton**

black construction paper

orange construction paper

scissors

hole punch

craft glue

plastic Easter basket grass

plastic eyes

1. Punch two black circles from the black construction paper for the chick's eyes.
2. Cut a small square from the orange construction paper and fold it in half to form a triangle for the beak.
3. Glue a pom-pom/cotton ball into the bottom of the eggshell. Glue the other pom-pom/cotton ball on top for the head. Hold the two balls together for 1 minute.
4. Attach the eyes and beak to the top cotton ball or pompom with craft glue. You can add Easter basket grass to your eggshell or carton cup to make a pretty nest for your chick.

Lacey Easter Eggs



balloons

colored yarn

white glue

1-inch paintbrush

1. Blow up the balloon and tie a 2-foot piece of yarn to the knot end. This will be used to hang the completed project to dry.
2. Brush the entire surface of the balloon with watered down glue. Work quickly (before the glue dries) and wrap the yarn around the balloon in one direction, leaving approximately 1/2" wide gaps.
3. Brush a second layer of watered-down glue and wrap another layer of yarn in a different direction. Repeat the layering of yarn one more time. You should be able to see some gaps.
4. Hang the yarn-covered balloon and allow it to dry for 24 hours.
5. When it is totally dry, pop the balloon and carefully pull it out through the gaps.



"Egg"cellent Decorating Ideas!

Here are some creative ways to decorate your hardboiled eggs. If you plan to eat them, use only non-toxic dyes (food coloring) or paints on your eggs. Do not leave the eggs unrefrigerated for more than two hours.

Dyed Eggs

bowls or teacups

slotted spoons

paper towels

newspaper

hardboiled eggs

hot water

egg dye made from food color or crepe paper

masking tape (optional)

Egg Dye from Food Coloring

1. Mix 2/3 cup of boiling water, 2 teaspoons of distilled vinegar, and food coloring in each cup. Add food coloring one drop at a time until you reach the desired color. You may need to use 1/4 tsp (about 24 drops) of food coloring.
2. Allow mixture to cool.

Red, blue, green, and yellow are usually included in food coloring packages. To mix additional colors, try these ratios:

Orange—mix about 10 drops of red with about 15 drops of yellow.

Turquoise—mix about 5 drops green with about 20 drops of blue.

Violet—mix about 12 drops red with about 12 drops blue.

Egg Dye from Crepe Paper

1. Soak crepe paper in hot water in individual bowls or cups for each color.
2. Add eggs and allow them to soak until the desired color is achieved.
3. Remove eggs with slotted spoon and allow to dry.

Stripes from Masking Tape

1. Use masking tape to mask a pattern of stripes or lines on a plain hard-boiled egg.
2. Dip egg in dye and leave until desired color is reached.
3. Remove with slotted spoon and air dry.
4. Remove masking tape when dry.
5. Leave masked areas white or dip again in lighter dye.

More “Egg”cellent Decorating Ideas!

Painted Eggs

disposable plates

newspaper

paper towels

non-toxic paints

toothbrush, toothpick,
or cotton swabs

Toothpick

Paint flowers on your eggs! Choose two colors of paint to decorate your egg. Pour those paints into a disposable plate. To make the petals of the flower, dip about 1/4 inch of the toothpick into the paint, then lay the toothpick down onto the egg, making a petal. Repeat making petals, leaving a space in the middle for the flower center. Using a new toothpick and another color of paint, dip just the tip of the toothpick into the paint and dot the center two or three times. Let the egg dry.

Toothbrush

Pour paint onto a disposable plate. Dip the tips of the toothbrush bristles into the paint and dot the egg with the paint. Let one side dry, and then dot the other side.

Cotton Swab

Pour paint onto a disposable plate. Dip just the end of the cotton swab into the paint. Then dot the egg, paint creative designs, or write messages. Use a different end of the cotton swab for each color or mix them together to create a new color.

Egg Yolk Paints



raw eggs

food coloring

water

cups or small bowls

paintbrush

1. Carefully crack open an egg, separating the yolk from the white.
2. Mix 1/2 tsp water with the yolk.
3. Divide the yolk mixture into several small cups.
4. Add food coloring, using a different color in each cup.
5. Use a brush to paint your egg. If the paint gets too thick, add a few drops of water.

You can also use this to paint to decorate sugar cookies before baking or draw designs on bread before toasting.