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Crayon Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

This project combines a child's artistic skills with regular Easter egg dying techniques. You can use store bought dye or the [home made variety](#).

A friend (daddy) may need to hold the egg while you decorate!

Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- wax crayons (the waxier the better... In this case cheap crayons are better than crayolas)
- Easter Egg dye: store bought dye or [home made](#)

Instructions:

- Draw pictures or designs with wax crayon. Even white wax crayon will be useful for this project.
- Dip in dye.
- Let dry.
- The dye won't soak through the crayon! I find cheap crayons work best for this project (crayolas don't have quite enough wax in them though they do work ok).
- An adult may need to help hold the egg while the child draws their pictures on it... At least the first time until they get the hang of it.



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Fingerprinted Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

For children who like to be a bit more creative, these fingerprinted Easter eggs allow for lots of options!

Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- tempera paint
- Easter Egg dye: store bought dye or [home made](#)

Instructions:

- Dye eggs a light base color (such as yellow or pink).
- Dip fingers in tempera paint and fingerprint on the eggs.
- You can make a fingerprint bunny (thumbprint head with two pinky print ears) or just cover the egg with fingerprint "jellybeans".
- A heart can also be fingerprinted by putting on one print and then slightly overlapping a second print



- A flower can be fingerprinted by printing a swirl of 6 pinkie prints in a circle for the flower and printing a heart below the flower (leaves). The use a paint brush or the tip of your finger to draw a thin stem connecting the two.



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Food Coloring Dyed Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

I find this method easier and cheaper than the store bought tablets. I also find it cleaner than some of the varieties that they sell now (we tried the sponge ones one year... It was fun, but incredibly messy)

Suggestion from April:

"Here is an idea for Easter Eggs for toddlers. Use spray bottles with color water & let the toddler spray the eggs. Eggs can either be white or already dyed. This way, they can participate as well. The eggs turn out beautifully."
Thanks April



Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- vinegar (plain white)
- small bowls, cups or empty margarine containers
- water
- food color drops

Instructions:

- fill containers about 1/2 to 2/3 full of water. Don't full TOO full or when you put the eggs in it will overflow. I like using cups because it's the most frugal *grin*.
- Add 1 tsp of vinegar (for every 1 cup - ish of water. We don't need absolute measurements here, but if you're using a gallon ice cream pail you'll need more vinegar than if you're using a teacup).

- Add drops of food color until you're happy with the hue. (I usually get happy with the hue and then add 2 more drops... I find that tends to make the eggs the color I was originally happy with).



- Put hard boiled eggs in the cups (I use a Tbsp to put them in and take them out).

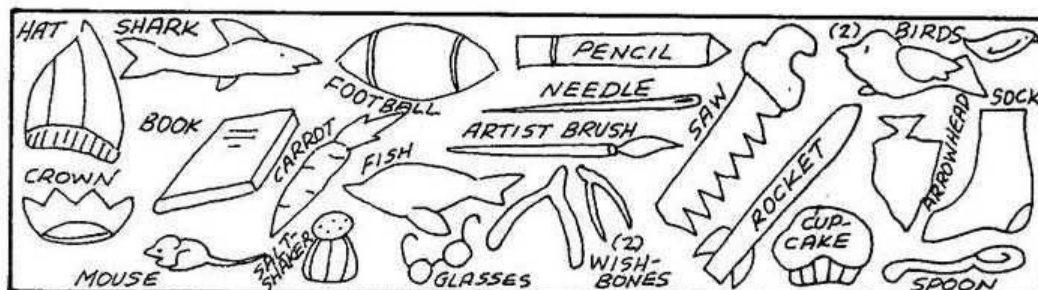


- Let dry. Wipe with vegetable oil (with paper towel or a rag) to make a glossier egg.



NOTE: I always cover my work surface with newspaper so the dye doesn't get on my kitchen table. If it does get on furniture, wipe it off with a rag immediately. This goes for the store bought packages too.

Hidden Picture Puzzle: Easter



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How to make a Hard Boiled Egg

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

- Lay eggs on bottom of the pot.
- Try not to stack your eggs (it's better to do it in batches than overfill your pot).
- Fill with water so it's an inch over the eggs.
- Put on high heat and bring to a rapid boil.
- Let boil for 12 minutes.
- Remove from heat.
- Remove the eggs immediately from the pot (I use a slotted spoon) and plunge them into cold water until you can pick them out of the water without burning your hands (a bit under a minute)



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Marbleized Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther



Everyone in our family has a different favorite technique for dying Easter eggs. This is mine (mom)! I think it turns out very pretty and is very easy.

Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- store bought dye or [food coloring/vinegar dye](#)
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil (for each color)

Instructions:

- Mix dye according to package directions.
- Add 1 Tbsp vegetable oil to each color you want to marbleize.
- Dye eggs as directed on dye package.
- When you remove the eggs, the oil will have caused a very nifty marbleized effect

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Natural Dyes for Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

After 3 or 4 years of "normal" Easter egg dying, our family decided to try something different (I'll admit we still used the store bought dye as well). But, to extend the experience we decided to pretend to be pioneers and use natural dyes for our eggs.

NOTE: We tend not to eat our natural dyed eggs. We've found they sometimes take on a bit of the flavor of what we died them with... cherry and onion flavored eggs are a bit icky.

The most foolproof natural dye, I've found so far is Tumeric (pictured above).



Instructions:

- Put eggs in as large a pan as possible. The process works better if the eggs aren't stacked on top of each other. This may mean you can only do 3 or 4 at a time (but that will give you the chance to try more than one kind of natural dye).
- Fill the pan with water so that it's about 1/2 inch over the eggs.
- Add 2 tsp vinegar (regular white vinegar) -- the only exception is don't add the vinegar when you're using onion skins. For some reason they react and make the eggs a rather brownish color.
- Optional: Add 1/2 tsp alum to the water -- makes the colors a bit brighter.
- Add the natural dye material
 - it takes a fair amount of the dye... for example, we used 1 cup of cherries, 2 Tbsp tumeric, 2 cups of packed onion skins....
 - Part of the fun of the "experiment" is trying to figure out how much of the material to add. Let the children be involved!
 - Record observations in a journal for sharing with family or at school. Red cabbage leaves are especially exciting because they turn the eggs bluish not red.
- Bring water to a boil. Reduce to a simmer for 20 minutes.
- With a strainer, remove the eggs onto a bowl covered with paper towel.
- If the eggs aren't as dark as you'd like, remove the paper towel from the bowl and add the cooled strained liquid you originally used to dye the eggs.
 - Let sit overnight.
 - This may make the egg shells weak (the vinegar weakens the shells).

- Carefully remove the eggs from the liquid and let sit in the air.
 - The shells will harden again.
- When the eggs are dried, rub vegetable oil on with a paper towel for a glossy look.

Natural Dyes you might try:

Here are some that we've tried, but feel free to experiment! We've had success mixing and matching materials (like cherries and onion skins) to make different shades.

Red/Pink: Fresh beets, canned cherries or frozen, crushed cranberries (not cranberry sauce or jelly)

Orange: yellow onion skins

Light Yellow: lemon peels, orange peels or ground cumin

Golden yellow: Ground Tumeric (a kind of spice)

Light Spinach

Blue: Red cabbage leaves or blueberries (crushed)

- Pre-boil red cabbage leaves for 30 minutes.

Purple: Grape juice (Welches)

Other Thoughts:

We haven't tried these yet, but the following suggestions have been made to us by viewers.

Beige Strong coffee

??: Red Onion (Spanish Onion) skins

Red or Purple: Wild Raspberries

Blue: Blueberries

Easter Riddle Puzzles and Game



***Happy Easter
From
Kids Easter Activities***

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Easter Riddle Match

Print cards onto card and cut up.



What do you get if you
cross an elephant with
a rabbit?

With a hare net!



What's the best way to
send a letter to the
Easter Bunny?

An elephant who
never forgets to
eat his carrots!



What goes
Ha-Ha-Clunk?

Hare mail!



What's the best way to
catch the Easter
Bunny?

It was
eggzausted!



Why did the egg go to
sleep?

The Easter Bunny
laughing his
head off!



What happened to the egg when it heard the funny joke?

A Funny Bunny!



What day of the week do eggs hate?

It was eggcited!



How do you know that rabbits have good eyesight?

Fry-day!



What do you call a rabbit who tells jokes?

It cracked up!



Why was the egg jumping up and down?

You never see them wearing glasses!



Easter Riddle Match

2-4 players

Spread out the cards face down. Take turns to pick up 2 cards. If the riddle and answer match, keep the cards. If they don't match return the cards to the center. The winner is the person who has the most pairs at the end of the game.

Egg Match Puzzle

Cut out the eggs.
Cut each egg along
the dotted line.
Mix up.
Match the Riddles
with the answer.

What do you
call a rabbit that
has fleas?

Bugs Bunny!

Why didn't the
egg cross the road?

Because he wasn't
a chicken yet!

What did the
kangaroo say on
Easter Morning?

Hoppy Easter!

Which side of a
rabbit has the
most fur?

The outside!

How does the
Easter Bunny keep
his fur looking good?

With a Hare Brush!

What is a rabbit's
favorite dance?

Hip Hop!

Riddle Jungle

The Easter Bunny has some riddles for you but he has got the words in the riddles jumbled up. Unjumble the words for each riddle and write the riddle on the line. Then choose an answer for each from below.



hide did egg Why the ?

Answer _____

Easter like does travel How Bunny to the ?



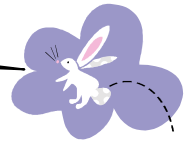
Answer _____



cross the Easter did road Why the Bunny ?

Answer _____

like best of kind do rabbits What stories ?



Answer _____



Bunny does Easter healthy How the stay ?

Answer _____

Eggercise!
In a Hare Plane!
Ones with hoppy endings!
Because he was a little chicken!
Because the chicken had his Easter Eggs!

Riddle Puzzle

The following riddles and answers have been written with the spaces in the wrong places. Rewrite each one with the spaces in the right places.



Wh ysho uldn' tyout ella nEas tere ggaj oke?

Itmi ghtc rac kup!

Wha tkin dofj ewel leryd orab bitsl ikeb est?

14ca rro tgo ld!

Howm anyE aste reg gsfi tint oane mptyb asket?

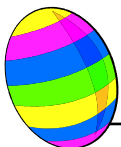
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Wha tdoy ouca llara bbi twit hthes niffl es?

Arun nybu nny!

Wha twou ldag reenr abb its ayto ablu erab bit?

Ch ee rup!



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Rubber Band Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

These eggs have sort of a funky tie dyed look to them.



Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- wide rubber bands
- Easter Egg dye: store bought dye or [home made](#)

Instructions:

- Simply dye your eggs a light color (ex: yellow).
- Then wrap rubber bands around the egg.
- Now dip in a darker color.
- Let dry.
- Remove rubber bands to see your tie dyed easter egg!

died yellow, wrapped rubber bands, died green, wrapped more rubber bands, then died blue.



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Splatter Painted Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

I think this is daddy's favorite method for making Easter eggs -- he likes threatening to splatter paint "his girls", hehe.



Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- tempera paint
- old toothbrush
- Easter Egg dye: store bought dye or [home made](#)

Instructions:

- Get your smocks on!
- Dye the eggs normally.
- Now take tempera paint in a contrasting color or straight food color drops and dip a toothbrush in them.
- Using your finger or a pencil, run over the bristles of the toothbrush to splatter the egg.
- This is a very messy project, so prepare the area accordingly!

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Sticker Easter Eggs

Thanks to the viewer who sent this in!

Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- store bought dye ([food coloring + vinegar works well!](#))
- stickers (dots, stars holes or any other sticker with a nice shape... we'll be throwing away the stickers and just using the shape of them)



Egg 1: Dyed red, added stickers, dyed blue, then removed stickers

Egg 2: Put stickers on white egg, dyed purple, then removed stickers

Egg 3: Dyed yellow, added stickers, dyed green, then removed stickers

Instructions:

- Mix dye according to package directions.
- Apply small, simple stickers to the eggs (dots work well).

Make sure you push the stickers down firmly.

- Dye egg as normal.
- Don't forget that you can double dip your eggs into a variety of different colors, before or after you remove the stickers.



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Stone Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

It's fun to wrap different textures of cloth around the eggs to experiment with how they turn out. We found that cheese cloth worked the best for us.



Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- store bought dye ([food coloring + vinegar works well!](#))
- cheese cloth or nylons
- string or twist tie

Instructions:

- Mix dye according to package directions.
- Cover the eggs tightly with cheese cloth or nylons. Tie with string or twist tie.
- Dye eggs as directed on dye package.
- Let dry.
- When you remove the nylons, you'll have a splotchy stone look to the eggs

Optional: before wrapping in the cheese cloth, dip the cheese cloth into a darker dye color. Wring out and then wrap the egg. Dye eggs with a lighter dye color.

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Tissue Paper Dyed Easter Eggs

Contributed by Leanne Guenther

This is the perfect simple project for an Aunt with a fancy house who isn't used to visiting rugrats or a daycare full of eager toddlers. It's much less risky (for clothes, furniture and rugs) than setting out bowls of dye *grin*.

Bright, new tissue paper works the best.



photo of the egg after the paper has fallen off

Materials:

- [hard boiled egg\(s\)](#)
- squares of tissue paper in many different BRIGHT colors (1 1/2 inch squares are about right)
 - must be fresh tissue paper... not the old, ratty, recycled 200 times tissue paper I usually use for crafts *grin*
- Spritzer of water or bowl of water

Instructions:

- Spritz or dip egg in water (get it all wet).
- Pick up squares of tissue paper one at a time and lay around the egg. Feel free to use different colors and to overlap them.
- Spritz with water again if the tissue paper didn't get completely wet.
- Set aside in a bowl or margarine container to dry.
- When the egg dries, the tissue paper will fall off, but the pretty colors will stay behind. It gives something of a stained glass look to the eggs.