

Hop Into Spring

Easter Craft and Food Guide



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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

Easter is a time to rejoice. In addition to the Christian celebration of Easter, we welcome the coming of spring with eggs, bunnies, and chicks. In this eBook, we share our collection of Easter craft projects to decorate your home, entertain guests, give as gifts, entertain kids and more. Reflecting the different aspects of the holiday, this collection includes religious Easter crafts. Thanks to a partnership with Recipe4Living.com, we are also bringing you a hand-picked collection of Easter recipes to complete the day.

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

Sincerely,

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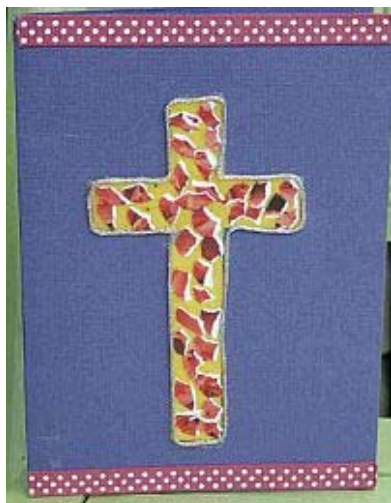
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Easter Cards

Beaded Easter Card

By Treasure It for Kreinik

Create this beaded Easter Card using Treasure Tape and Diamond Beadlets. This makes a great project for kids that they can give as a gift when they are done.



Materials:

- Purple blank card, 5" x 7" and matching envelope
- 1/2-inch-wide polka dot ribbon
- Yellow construction paper
- Scraps of brightly colored wrapping paper
- Kreinik #32 Braid 095 Starburst
- 1/4" roll of Treasure Tape
- 3/4" roll of Treasure Tape
- Diamond Beadlets®
- Shallow pan or tray
- Scissors

Steps:

1. Lay a strip of 1/4" Treasure Tape along the top and bottom edge of the card front. Remove the red liner to expose the sticky tape, and lay the polka-dot ribbon on the sticky strips.

2. Cut out a cross shape from the yellow construction paper, making sure the cross is 3/4 of an inch wide.
3. Lay pieces of 3/4" Treasure Tape on your purple cardstock in the shape of a cross. Remove the red liner to expose the sticky part, and lay the construction paper cross right on top.
4. Lay strips of 3/4" Treasure Tape on top of the yellow cross. Remove the red liner to expose the sticky top.
5. Outline the cross with the #32 Braid, pressing the thread onto the tape to adhere.
6. Cut up or tear pieces of wrapping paper and lay on the yellow cross, to resemble a mosaic.
7. When decorating is complete, lay your card in a shallow pan or tray and cover remaining areas with Diamond Beadlets.

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or www.kreinik.com.

Bright and Happy Easter Card

By Rebekah Meier for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

The Easter Bunny isn't alone in spreading around brilliant springtime color. Give this cute and clever card to friends and family and watch joy blossom!



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 3"
- Acrylic paints: blue; pink; green
- Peach chalk ink pad
- Papers: rice paper; decorative stripe; coordinating cardstock, three sheets
- Black alphabet stickers or rub-ons, various fonts
- Coordinating polka-dot grosgrain ribbon, 1/2" x 1/4 yd.
- Cosmetic sponge
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil with new eraser
- Ruler
- Wide flat paintbrush
- Disposable palette
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Paper glues: laminating; quick-dry

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin; cut foam egg in half lengthwise. Set aside one half for a second card or future project.
2. Cut 7" x 10" piece from first sheet of cardstock; score and fold to measure 5" x 7". Cut 4-1/2" x 6-1/2" piece from striped paper; adhere to center front of card.
3. Tear 3-1/2" x 3-3/4" piece from next sheet of cardstock; adhere to lower portion of card front as shown.
4. Tear 1-1/2" x 3-1/2" strip from first cardstock sheet; tear 1-1/4" x 3" piece from third sheet of cardstock. Adhere smaller strip to center of larger strip; adhere cardstock to upper portion of card front as shown.
5. Tear rice paper sheet into small strips. Use wide brush and laminating glue to adhere paper pieces to foam half-egg, completely covering surface. Use brush to smooth out wrinkles. Let dry completely.
6. Use cosmetic sponge to apply chalk ink over surface of egg; let dry.
7. Use pencil eraser and acrylic paint to apply blue, pink and green dots to egg as shown; let dry.
8. Apply alphabet stickers or rub-ons to torn cardstock strips, spelling "Happy Easter" as shown.
Note: Use different fonts to add visual interest.
9. Use paper glue to adhere egg to card front. Tie ribbon into bow and glue to card front below egg; trim ends in a "V."

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Elegant Easter Greeting Card

By Rebekah Meier for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Create a stunning Easter greeting card using STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam, stickers and metallic paint. The recipient will be thrilled that you didn't opt for a store-bought card when he or she sees the three-dimensional egg jumping off the card.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 3"
- Metallic ivory/pink acrylic paint
- Pink/gold pigment powder
- Papers, one sheet each: decorative floral scroll; coordinating cardstock; rice paper
- Stickers: gold script alphabet; coordinating floral border
- Coordinating satin ribbon, 1/2" x 1/4 yd.
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wide flat paintbrush
- Disposable palette
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Paper glues: laminating; quick-dry

Steps:

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1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin; cut foam egg in half lengthwise. Set aside one half for a second card or future project.
2. Cut 7" x 10" piece from cardstock; score and fold to measure 5" x 7". Cut 4-1/2" x 6-1/2" piece from scroll paper; adhere to center front of card.
3. Cut 3-1/4" x 6" piece from cardstock; adhere to center of scroll paper. Trim and apply border stickers across top and bottom of cardstock piece.
4. Tear rice paper sheet into small strips. Use wide brush and laminating glue to adhere paper pieces to foam half-egg, completely covering surface. Use brush to smooth out wrinkles. Let dry completely.
5. Paint egg metallic ivory. While paint is still slightly tacky to the touch, use brush to dust egg with pigment powder.
6. Apply alphabet stickers to cardstock just above lower border sticker, spelling "Easter Greetings" as shown.
7. Tie satin ribbon into bow around center of egg. Use paper glue to adhere egg to card front.

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Five Easter Bunny Cards

A set of five cute Easter bunny cards to say Happy Easter or even happy winter.

By Dee Gruenig for Posh Impressions



Four More Easter Cards Below!

Materials:

- Vertical cards that open 1/3 the distance from the card's right hand side
- Dee Gruenig Easter Set
- Any other sets you would like combined or Small Easter Set
- Dee Gruenig Signature Brush Art Markers set from Marvy
- Dee Gruenig Blending Blox from Marvy if you want blends made easily
- Crack N Peel sticker paper. Dee uses opaque rather than glossy so that what is beneath does not show through.
- Optional Letter set for unlimited versatility (a bargain)
- Regular scissors. the heavy duty type are not needed.

Steps:

1. Practice on scratch paper first to find what you like best and to feel comfortable with the procedure.
2. Stamp right side border using pens for solid color look or drag Blending Blox pad top to bottom for blended effect you see on this page. Drag several times. If margin is not crisp, use

corresponding color of pen and ruler and drop crisp line.

3. Select a background stamp. Color back of stamp on rubber with pen and press to card.
4. Stamp bunny on sticker paper. Cut out leaving 1/32 inch all around to provide definition from background.
5. Do the same with cactus or tree or your choice of stamp.
6. Stick images in place. Move around with backing to see preferred arrangement. Attach one corner and smooth with hand to eliminate chance of bubble or wrinkle forming.
7. Add any details like a hat.
8. Share result with pride and get deserved compliments.

More examples on next page!



Jeepers Peepers Greeting Card

Courtesy of Design Originals and Arnold Grummer's

Perfect for spring time greetings or Easter festivities, the Jeepers Peepers card is easy to make in only 5 simple steps!



Supplies:

- Arnold Grummer's "Torn Paper Projects" idea book
- Paper: White and yellow, handmade or store bought
- Paintbrush
- Water dish
- Optional: Raised ink pads or decorative chalk set

Steps:

1. Draw a chick head and wings on yellow paper.
2. Draw a cracked egg on white paper. (Use the pattern on page 6 in 'Torn Paper Projects' if you have a copy.)
3. Go over outlines with a paintbrush dipped in water. Tear along the lines to create project shapes.

4. Optional: When dry, lightly brush torn edges with raised ink pad or decorative chalks to highlight.
5. Layer chick and egg pieces on mat for a card or scrapbook page.

Hats and Flowers Thank You Card

Fresh as a daisy on a warm summer day. This card captures the feeling and is a wonderful way to say thanks.

By Dee Gruenig for Posh Impressions



Materials:

- Fashion Set
- 3 Dotted Squares
- Forget-me-nots flower
- Double edge cards
- Blending Blox
- Dee's Signature Pens
- Crack 'N Peel Opaque sticker paper for placing one image over another with no "show through". Remember to leave 1/16 inch around the image.

Use the hats alone, or with shoes that come in its set. Or, place them on the heads of Dee's Easter bunny, her moose, reindeer, sheep, horse, cow or other delightful animals that can make your friends have a good laugh.

Inspiration Greeting Card

By Beth Pingry for Spellbinders

Allow this card to make a statement with soft scallops, embossed and sanded dots, a simply tied ribbon and a framed sentiment. It's perfect for Easter, Spring or any occasion.



Materials:

- Spellbinders Die templates S4-174 Petite 5 1/2" Scalloped Border, S4-132 Classic Rectangles Large, S4-136 Small Labels
- Clearsnap's Colorbox Chalk Ink in Lime
- WorldWin Treasures Natural
- ColorMates Deep and Dark Lovely Lilac Cardstocks
- Creative Impressions Brads
- Striped paper, ribbon
- Believe stamp
- adhesive tape gun
- sand paper

Steps:

1. Trim cardstock to 5 1/2" tall by desired width, doubled and fold into card.
2. With Petite Scalloped Border (S4-174) create a card border by cutting/embossing 2 pieces of striped paper, 5 1/2" tall.

3. Sand the strips, revealing the inner white core. Add them to the card with the scalloped edges of the strips facing out.
4. Cut/emboss one Small Labels die template from the darker purple. Cut/emboss the lighter purple from a Classic Rectangles, Large (S4-132) that is just larger than the Small Labels. Cut/emboss a larger Classic Rectangles, Large from the lighter purple (S4-132).
5. Stamp sentiment onto Labels One, stack the three labels, adhering as you go. Add four mini brads onto the corners and add to the card.
6. Tie a ribbon around the card as shown.

Glitter Chicks Easter Card

By Art Institute Glitter, Inc

Use plump element and glitter to make this Easter Card standout featuring fluffy yellow chicks and Easter eggs!



Materials:

- Ultrafine Opaque Glitter: #8 Maize, #19 Cobblestone #64 Brass, #54 Sedona Sun,
- Designer Dries Clear Adhesive
- Elements Earth Textures: #33 Baby Blue, #114 Leaf
- Ultrafine Metal Tip #22 Lilac, #11 Tea Rose
- Fantasy Fiber: Mint Sparkle, English Ivy
- Iron set to Medium High heat
- Baker's Parchment Paper
- Decorative Scissors
- Sticky Stick
- Cardstock
- Wire Ribbon: light purple or pink or brown 1 1/2" wide by approximately 4 feet

Steps:

1. Cut and fold cardstock to 7" x 5.5". With black spout on glue bottle draw three thick circles across middle of card approximately 1 1/4" in diameter. Draw another, slightly smaller, circle on top of each circle in various angles. Cover with Maize texture.
2. Allow texture to sit on adhesive for a minute before tapping excess off. Cover all with Brass glitter, tap off excess.
3. Take a small pinch of English Ivy fiber and roll it between your hands into a loose ball shape. Place about three of these below the chicks to make a thin fiber layer. Place a small pinch of Mint

Sparkle fiber on top of the English Ivy layer. Continue to lay down Mint Sparkle until card below chicks is covered slightly. Allow stray strands to overlap card edges and bottom of chicks as in example below. Lay one hand on top of fiber layers and carefully slide card out from below. Cover fiber with parchment paper and swipe iron over entire area once, quickly without applying extra pressure. You want the strands that overlap the chicks to have hardly any heat on them at all. Turn fiber over and iron other side in same fashion. Set aside.

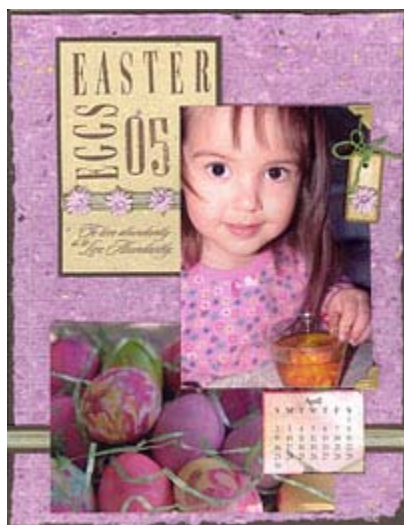
4. Attach metal tip to adhesive. Cover chick's heads with another thick glue circle, slightly smaller than the one underneath it. Draw a 1/2" triangle of glue on chick's bodies. Cover all with Maize texture and allow texture to sit on adhesive a minute. Cover with Brass glitter.
5. Draw a small glue triangle on each chick's face for a beak, sprinkle with Sedona Sun glitter. Make a small glue dot for the eyes. Using a sticky stick pick up a dark piece of Cobblestone texture. Push it into eye glue. Place a couple of tiny glue dots on cardstock on top of the chick's heads, with the point of the adhesive pin pull little lines of glue up to make little tufts of hair. Sprinkle with Brass. Scrape away some glue/glitter with pin if tufts are too thick.
6. Use chicks and card as a guide for making fiber grass.
7. Lay fiber grass in place on card and pull some excess fibers away where chicks will sit, allow grass to be a little taller in between them. If your grass layer is a little thick trim it with scissors. Make a thin line of glue along bottom of card, position fiber on card and glue down. Allow card to dry for 10 minutes with fiber still overlapping edges.
8. Open card up and fold one side of excess fibers over card flap, slide parchment paper on top and iron for 3 to 5 seconds. Iron other two sides over flap in same manner.
9. Make random glue ovals along grass and sprinkle with glitter colors of your choice for eggs.
10. Cut corners off folded edge of card with decorative scissors. Tie ribbon around top of card and make a bow. Center midpoint of ribbon at back of card. Bring around to front keeping it straight and flat, tie a double knot in front of card. Avoid twisting ribbon while making bow, start big and tighten to size you want. Fluff bows and twist into position. Fold ends in half and cut at a 45-degree angle towards fold. Glue into place weighted down if needed.

Tips: The English Ivy Fiber used underneath the Mint Sparkle gives depth to your grass. It is not necessary but has a pleasing effect. When picking out cardstock and glitter colors choose ones that will go well with your ribbon. The chick's eyes can also be made out of black glitter, or some small black object. If the chicks are not plump enough, add another layer of textures.

Eggs To Dye For Scrapbook Page

By Kay Williamson for Arnold Grummer's

Cute and creative scrapbook project idea for all your Easter memories.



Supplies:

- Arnold Grummer's Paper Additive
- Arnold Grummer's Papermill PRO Envelope & Stationery Kit
- Brown cardstock: 8 1/2" x 11", 3 1/2" x 5", 5/8" x 8 1/2"
- Stamped or computer generated text block: Yellow handmade paper trimmed to 3 1/2" x 4 3/4"
- Two 4" x 6" photos, untrimmed
- Ribbon: 3/8" wide, 18"
- Embellishments: Four 3d mini flower stickers, mini tag, mini calendar, green embroidery floss

Steps:

1. Recycle 2 pages from the 'yellow pages' to make the yellow handmade paper for the text block.
2. Recycle deep color purple wastepaper. The large handmade sheet on this page was made using a printed purple flyer that came in the mail.
3. After blending and forming the sheet, lay the support grid from the paper making set on top of the new, wet sheet for texture. Let air dry.

4. Carefully peel new sheet off screen. Gently tear along two sides to make sheet 8 1/4" x 10 3/4". Attach to 8 1/2" x 11" cardstock.
5. Wrap ribbon on cardstock strip. Attach to page 1 1/2" from the bottom.
6. Attach ribbon to text block, layer on cardstock mat. Attach to page 1/2" from top and 1" in from side.
7. Apply photo corners to pictures. Layer on to page as shown.
8. Add calendar page and little flower tag embellishments. Attach 3d flower stickers as a finishing touch.

Easter Egg Decorating

Easter Finery Eggs

By Mary Lynn Maloney for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Dress your Easter eggs up in style this year. Bright pigments and decorative paper create these fashionable Easter decorations.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Eggs: 4", two; Block, Sheet or other scrap
- Pearlescent pigments: purple, mint green
- Matte finish gel medium
- White tissue paper
- Decorative papers: pink paisley, pink stripe, sage green
- Grosgrain ribbon, assorted widths
- Assorted embellishments: ribbon buckles, word dangles, brads, stickers
- Wood pick, chop stick or other pointed tool
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Craft knife
- Ruler
- Small, disposable bowl
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

1. Insert wood pick into side of egg and use as a handle. Tear tissue paper into small, irregular pieces. Mix 3 Tablespoons gel medium with 1/8 teaspoon desired pigment. Brush a generous amount of mixture onto foam egg, apply a torn piece of tissue paper, and brush more pigment mixture over the paper. Continue until egg is covered. Insert wood pick into foam block, and let egg dry thoroughly.
2. Cut pink paisley and sage green papers into 3/8" x 12" strips. Add buckles to strips and wrap strips around eggs, covering holes made by wood picks. Adhere with thick, white craft glue (optional: hold strips in place with straight pins till glue dries).
3. Continue decorating eggs with paper strips and ribbons, adding other embellishments as desired.

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Funny Bunny Painted Egg

By DecoArt

This bunny, easily painted with paint writers and shimmering with glamour dust, is egg-actly what your Easter decorating needs.



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Acrylics

- DAO1 - Snow (Titanium) White

Americana Writers

- DAW67 - Black
- DAW250 - Bubblegum Pink

Glamour Dust

- DAS37 - Glamour Dust Crystal

Multi-Purpose Sealer

- DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer

Supplies

- Two 12" 15-mm white chenille stems
- Two 12" 6-mm pink chenille stems
- Two 12" 6-mm white chenille stems
- 1 1/2" white pompon
- Lo-temp glue gun
- Foam plate
- 1/2" flat brush
- 6" papier mache egg

Instructions:

1. Basecoat egg Snow White, allowing to dry after each coat.
2. Apply coat of Multi-Purpose Sealer over Snow White. While wet, sprinkle egg with Glamour Dust; let dry.
3. Refer to photo for placement and use Bubblegum Pink Americana Writer to paint inverted triangle for nose shape.
4. Use Black Writer to paint mouth, eyes, brows, and dots by whiskers; let dry.
5. Glue pompon to back of egg for tail.
6. Fold each pink chenille stem in half. Bend each 15-mm white chenille stem in half, leaving curve at bend. For each ear, glue fold of pink inside center to curve of white chenille stem. Twist loose ends together and referring to photo for placement, glue ends to back of egg near top.
7. Cut remaining white chenille stems into thirds for six 4" lengths. Refer to photo for placement, and glue ends of three stems at each side of nose for whiskers. Curve ends of whiskers as desired.

Mosaic and Moss Eggs

By Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Bright blue china and soft, springy moss details bring garden charm indoors. Search yard sales for mismatched china, then go home and work some mosaic magic.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 4"
- Mismatched or broken china pieces
- Flat-backed glass gems to complement china (optional)
- Lichen moss
- Ruler
- Wooden skewer
- Scissors
- Old towel
- Hammer
- Tile nippers (optional)
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

1. To break china for mosaic, wrap one piece of china in towel. Gently tap hammer against china. Continue until broken pieces are about 3/4" across; remove from towel. Break remaining china until there are enough pieces to cover foam egg.
2. Use glue gun to glue china pieces to egg, fitting pieces close together to cover entire surface. Glue gems to egg as desired.

3. If more china pieces are needed to fit particular spaces, repeat Step 1. Tile nippers may be used to shape china pieces as needed.
4. Apply generous amount of white glue to open areas between china pieces. Use tip of skewer to press bits of moss into glue. Use hands to push moss firmly into surface of egg.
5. Use scissors to trim moss to even height; let dry.

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Papercrafted Blossoms Easter Eggs

By Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

These alternatively decorated Easter Eggs truly showcase the beauty of spring with lovely papercrafted blossoms and bright, happy colors. Unlike regular dyed Easter eggs, you can enjoy these festive Easter decorations for many years.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 5"
- Acrylic paint, color of choice
- Scrapbooking paper, assorted solid colors
- Modeling paste
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wooden skewer
- Flat paintbrush, Medium
- Disposable mixing cup
- Table knife or craft stick
- Fine-grit sandpaper
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Craft punches: 5/8", 1", and 2" daisy; 1 1/4" flower; 1/8", 1/4", and 5/8" circle
- Glue sticks and low temperature glue gun
- White, thick craft glue

Materials:

1. Place small amount modeling paste into disposable cup and mix well with craft stick until smooth; add tiny bit of water if needed.
2. Insert skewer into bottom of foam egg to use as handle. Brush thin coat of paste mixture onto egg using soft, wide brush. Dip brush into water occasionally as you work and use long, light strokes. Place skewer in heavy glass or jar while egg dries.
3. Sand egg lightly to smooth surface even more. Apply second coat of paste, if desired; let dry and sand again. Wipe egg with damp cloth to remove dust and paint desired color; let dry.
4. Punch flowers from papers; refer to photo as guide. Create two 2" and five 1 1/4" flowers in main color scheme, then four to six 1" flowers in contrasting accent colors. Punch up to 15 of the smallest flower from accent colors, as well. Use circle punches to create contrasting flower centers; glue to flowers.
5. Cut five 1/8" x 3" strips from green paper. Curl strips by rolling tightly around skewer, then gently pulling to create curl. Hand-cut leaves of various shape and size from remaining green paper.
6. Refer to photo to glue flowers, leaves, and vines to egg; pin in place until glue dries.

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Bright Ribbon Eggs

By Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

At 6" tall, these Easter icons don't stand a chance of escaping detection in the annual hunt! Create an eye-grabbing centerpiece or unique place card, too.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 6"
- Floral-print tissue paper, one sheet
- Ribbon: wide, three different styles of choice, total of four 16" lengths; narrow, one 10" length
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wooden skewer
- Paintbrushes: 1" stiff; small flat
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Thin, white craft glue or découpage medium

Steps:

1. Cut or tear tissue paper into 1" - 2" pieces. Push skewer into center bottom of foam egg for handle.
2. Working one section at a time, use stiff brush to spread thin layer of glue onto egg surface.

3. Use small brush to gently spread glue onto back of one tissue section, paying close attention to edges. Position paper on egg, and carefully smooth tissue onto egg, clipping edges as needed to paper lays flat against surface. Use same brush to apply additional tissue paper until egg is covered, overlapping pieces as needed.
4. Place skewer in heavy glass or jar; let egg dry completely. Remove skewer.
5. Cut four 16" lengths from ribbons of choice. Beginning and ending at center bottom, glue ribbons lengthwise around egg, dividing it into eight equal sections as shown. Clip ribbon edges as needed so ribbon lays flat against surface. Apply additional glue to clipped edges as needed; secure ribbon with pins until dry. Remove pins.
6. Tie narrow ribbon into bow and glue to tip of egg; trim ends as desired.

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Decorated Dragonfly Easter Egg

By Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

It's so easy to make these beautiful dragonfly eggs. All you need is a craft punch, STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam, and acrylic finishes. In no time you will be able to create an artistic treasure for your home or Easter basket.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 4"
 - Heavyweight paper or cardstock
 - "Dragonfly" craft punch, 1-1/4"
 - Pre-mixed acrylic spackling
 - Faux finishes: Copper Topper; Patina Blue
 - Paper towels
 - Fine-grit sandpaper
 - Straight pins
 - Thick, white craft glue
 - Wooden skewer
 - Medium flat paintbrush
 - Disposable palette
 - Water basin
- It's so easy to make these beautiful dragonfly eggs. All you need is a craft punch, STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam, and acrylic finishes. In no time you will be able to create an artistic treasure for your home or Easter basket.

Steps:

1. Punch as many dragonflies as desired from heavyweight paper; set aside. Note: If using standard-weight paper, glue two or three punched shapes together to create a thicker dragonfly.
2. Insert skewer into bottom of foam egg. Holding skewer and following manufacturer's instructions, apply thin coat of spackling to cover egg. Dip brush into water occasionally to help achieve smoother surface. Place skewer in heavy glass or jar to dry. Lightly sand surface of egg; wipe away dust. Apply second coat of spackling, if desired. Let dry.
3. Using photo as guide, glue and pin dragonflies to egg. Let dry completely; remove pins.
4. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply one or two generous coats of Copper Topper to egg and dragonflies. While final copper coat is still barely damp, apply Patina Blue. Let dry; color will develop as project dries completely.

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Needlefelted Easter Eggs

By Rebekah Meier for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Decorate your Easter home with a softer touch this season, thanks to the popularity of needlefelting and the versatility of STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Block, 1" x 4" x 10"
 - Eggs, 6", two
- Wool fiber (roving), six complementary colors
- Wool felt flowers, eight complementary colors
- Angelina fibers (optional)
- Ribbon, 1/4" x 2/3 yd.
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Needlefelting tool
- Straight pins, at least one a colored ball-head pin
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

(Note: Felting needles are extremely sharp; use caution. The higher the needle number, the finer the needle and the smaller the hole left in the project. Follow manufacturer's instructions.)

1. Place small amount of wool fiber against foam egg and attach to surface using felting needle; follow manufacturer's instructions to ensure safety. Continue felting fiber to foam until completely covered, creating either a solid-color background or varying colors to create stripes.
2. Place wool felt flowers onto foam block. Roll very small balls of wool fiber and needlefelt into flower centers.
3. If desired, wrap Angelina fiber strands around egg and secure with needlefelting tool. Glue finished flowers around center of striped egg; pin to secure until glue dries.
4. For second egg, place small circles of wool fiber onto egg, varying colors, and needlefelt to secure. Needlefelt slightly smaller circles into centers of first group as shown. Add Angelina fiber strands to egg, if desired.
5. Cut one 7" and one 16" ribbon length. Loop longer length and glue ends to top of egg. Fold shorter length into loopy bow; stick ball-head pin through bow center into top of egg. Spot glue pin and ribbon to secure.

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Glittered Easter Eggs

By Art Institute Glitter, Inc

Turn dull inexpensive plastic eggs into glamorous, dazzling Easter Eggs you can display year after year.



Materials:

- Glitter: Ultrafine Transparent and Opaque or Vintage Glass Glitter Fine and
- Shards or Hologram, Pearlescent, Neon. Several colors of your choice.
- Designer Dries Clear Adhesive
- Plastic Eggs of various sizes and colors
- Paint Brush
- Spray Adhesive (found at any department store)
- Trays for glitter or flat-bottomed coffee filters

Steps:

1. Open plastic egg and set open ends on scrap paper. Spray with a light coat of spray adhesive and let dry. Snap egg back together. Some spray adhesives stay tacky, which is fine.
2. Pour glitter into coffee filters or plastic trays. Pour small amount of Designer Dries Clear adhesive into a tray, (about two teaspoons) if glue is too thick; mix in a couple drops of water till it spreads smoothly.
3. Paint one end of egg with Designer Dries Clear adhesive. If your glue repeals in some areas brush on a thicker layer. Try to keep adhesive thin around the seam.

4. Spoon on glitter color and type of your choice. (Remember if you are using transparent colors they will be influenced by the color of the egg.) Set egg in glitter to let dry. Turn in about 5 minutes. Glue and glitter other side when dry, again try to keep adhesive thin around the seam.

Dazzling Painted Easter Eggs

By DecoArt

For elegant, mature Easter decor, these stunning Easter eggs presented on painted stands will certainly impress. Group different sized wood eggs together for an interesting piece.



Materials:

[Pattern here](#)

DecoArt Products Required
Dazzling Metallics

- DA124 - Purple Pearl
- DA203 - Oyster Pearl

Decorating Paste

- DS4 - Decorating Paste

Supplies

- Brushes by Loew-Cornell: La-Corneille Golden Taklon, Series 7300 Shader 10, Series 7000 Round 3, Series 7550 Wash 1", Series 7050 Script Liner 1
- Supplies: Palette knife J-1, paper towels, palette or plastic plate, water container, scissors, stylus, palette, paper towel, water basin, graphite & tracing paper, pencil, scotch tape
- Wooden Works Products:

- Goose Egg FF-E425
- Small Goose Egg FF-E300
- Hen Egg FF-E200
- Egg Cup EC-1010
- Candlestick CS 3090

Instructions:

Preparation

Transfer floral pattern to goose egg. Using palette knife, pick up small amount of Decorating Paste on tip and press it flat at tips of ferns, pulling in toward vein. This will allow Decorating Paste to squeeze out from under edge of knife. Repeat for leaves, then buds, flowers and stipple centers. Allow to dry overnight.

Painting Instructions

Goose Egg

1. Basecoat entire egg in Oyster Pearl. Antique with Glorious Gold.
2. Dry-brush ferns with Purple Pearl, and then with mix of equal parts Oyster Pearl and Purple Pearl.
3. Float very lightly around flower petals with Crystal Green. Float shadows with Crystal Green plus touch of Purple Pearl. Dry-brush leaves with mix of equal parts Oyster Pearl and Crystal Green.
4. Wash petals and buds very lightly with Rose Pearl. Float on petals around center lightly with Royal Ruby. Dry- brush highlights with mix equal parts Oyster Pearl and Rose Pearl. Stipple centers with Glorious Gold and Royal Ruby.

Small Goose Egg, Hen Egg and Stands

1. Basecoat all pieces as follows:
Light areas Oyster Pearl. All of remaining areas mixes of 4 parts Oyster Pearl to 1 part color, either Crystal Green, Rose Pearl or Purple Pearl.
2. Dot light green areas on both of stands with Glorious Gold.
3. On hen egg (small egg), stripe with Glorious Gold wide, Purple Pearl narrow, and Oyster Pearl wiggly. Stripe narrow Lavender band on candlestick with Purple Pearl and dot at top of stripe with Glorious Gold.
4. On pink areas, stroke leaves with Crystal Green plus touch of Purple Pearl. Do dots with Glorious Gold and then Oyster Pearl. Do diamond pattern on the egg cup below the leaves with

Glorious Gold. Do stripe through center of small goose egg with Glorious Gold, stripe with Purple Pearl and Oyster Pearl. Do wiggly edge with Oyster Pearl.

5. Check cup part of candlestick lightly with Crystal Green and dot with Purple Pearl plus a touch of Oyster Pearl. Make Glorious Gold bands.

Feathered Egg Project

With a selection of Aleene's® Crafting Adhesives on hand, you'll be ready to glue a variety of embellishments onto these eggs. Sure to impress the Easter Bunny!



Materials:

- Aleene's® Tacky Packs - Try Me Size Tacky Pack
- Chop sticks or skewers
- Ribbon, 2 yds
- Scissors
- Foam egg, 2 13/16" x 3 7/8"
- Feathers, small, small package
- Ruler
- Small cups
- Straight pins

Steps:

1. Push wide end of egg onto chopstick or skewer.
2. For feather egg, choose feathers with interesting tips. Trim fuzzy end from each feather, leaving a 2" length.
3. Apply Clear Gel Tacky Glue onto spine of a feather, at base. Press onto wide end of egg. Glue a row of feathers to completely cover wide end of egg, overlapping slightly. Glue rows of feather tips to cover remainder of egg, arranging so that row above slightly overlaps each row. Trim feathers as needed on last row of narrow end of egg.
4. Place into cup. Let dry. Carefully remove chopstick.
5. For hangers, cut two 12" lengths from desired ribbon. Loop one length back and forth three times to create loopy bow. Tie remaining length around center of bow, tying knot close to bow.

Knot ends together to form hanger. Trim end. Apply a dot of Fast Grab Tacky Glue to knot. Press onto small end of egg. Secure with pins until dry. Remove pins.

Marbelous Easter Egg

Courtesy of Delta Creative

Create beautiful marbled Easter egg ornaments in just 3 easy steps!



Supplies:

- Delta Ceramcoat Acrylic Paints: 3 or 4 colors, suggestions include:
 - White, Blue Danube, GP Purple, Bahama Purple
 - Sunbright Yellow, Lisa Pink, White, Blue Danube
 - White, Sunbright Yellow, Lisa Pink
 - White, Bahama Purple, Blue Danube
 - Calypso Orange, Sunbright Yellow, Lisa Pink
 - White, Lima Green, Lime Green
 - Lisa Pink, Blue Danube, White
 - Blue Danube, Bahama Purple, Lime Green
- Clear glass or plastic eggs
- Paper cups or empty egg cartons

Steps:

1. Remove hanger and cap from the egg. Rinse inside of egg with alcohol. Let dry completely. No moisture should be inside ball. Start with one color of Ceramcoat paint. Squeeze just a small amount of the first color into the egg so it runs down the side. Rotate the egg and squeeze a little more paint down the side in another area until you've added about three or four lines of paint with only a dime-size amount of paint pooling at the bottom of the egg.

2. Add the next color, squeezing out a small amount of paint in between the places where you added the first color. Continue to add one or two more colors in the same fashion.
3. Rest the egg on its side for approximately five minutes. (Place it to rest in the egg box it came in, an egg carton or a paper cup for easy handling.) Rotate and tilt the egg a quarter turn every five to ten minutes until the paint covers the entire inside of the egg. Pour out excess paint. Then continue to rotate it every few hours over the next day. This helps the paint to coat the egg evenly. The color will continue to move and change with each turn. When the desired effect has been achieved, drain out any remaining excess paint. It may take up to five days to dry completely (a hair dryer will speed drying time). Replace hanger and cap when dry. If desired, decorate with ribbon.

Other creative variations:

- For horizontal marbling: coat egg with your choice of colors and let the egg dry on its side, rotating one side to another, avoiding an upright position.
- For vertical marbling: coat egg with your choice of colors as in steps 1 and 2 and prop egg upside down in a paper cup to drain. Let dry.
- For variegated, irregular marbling: drop in one color of paint, swirl, then add another color. Continue adding or repeating colors and swirling until the entire egg is coated on the inside. Follow step 3.

Important Note:

- Use Ceramcoat Acrylic Paint only-other brands of paint may not be compatible! Also, if paint pulls away from glass, add more paint after original paint dries.

Bunny Craft Projects

Easter's Artist Bunny Figure

By: Debra Quartermain for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

This Easter bunny decided to become an artist and decorate his own eggs this year. Create this figurine as a table or room decoration, or put it in a child's Easter basket as a special surprise.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - Balls, one each: 3"; 1-1/2"
 - Eggs: 5", one; 3", one; 2-1/2", two
- Felt: 45" light brown plush, 1/3 yd.; light pink, bright green, dark brown, 9" x 12" sheet each
- Cotton fabric, one 6" square each: bright pink; yellow; bright green
- Pink embroidery floss
- Heavy-duty sewing thread
- Black beads, 6mm, two
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Compass
- Paintbrush, for bunny to hold
- Scissors
- Needles: sewing; embroidery
- Extra-long straight pins
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Powdered cosmetic blush (optional)

- Cotton-tipped swab (optional)

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut and discard thin slices from bottoms of 3" (head) and 1-1/2" (tail) foam balls, and from wide end of 5" foam egg (body). Cut remaining eggs in half lengthwise.
2. Use compass to draw one circle of each size on wrong side of plush felt: 12" (body); 9" (head); 5" (tail); 3" (base). Cut circles and patterns from felt as indicated; label lightly with pencil.
3. Place 3" egg halves (feet), flat side down, on wrong side of remaining plush felt. Draw a line around each foot, 1-1/2" larger than foam. Trace second pair of 3" eggs, drawing line at foam edge. Cut out.
4. To cover feet, center egg half, rounded side down, on larger plush foot cut in Step 3. Bring felt up to flat side. Pin felt at four opposite points; gather excess between pins. Glue felt to foam; let dry. Remove pins. Glue smaller plush feet to flat sides of egg halves; flat side of feet will point toward body when assembled.
5. Using cotton fabrics, repeat Step 3 for 2-1/2" egg halves, reserving one half-egg for another project. Cover three remaining egg halves in same way as feet.
6. To cover head and body, use heavy-duty thread to sew gathering stitch close to edge of felt circles. Place head and body, rounded side down, in circle centers. Tightly pull thread to gather felt around flat base of foam shapes; knot to secure. Glue 3" felt base to bottom of body.
7. Using three strands of embroidery floss, insert embroidery needle into flat bottom of head. Push needle through center front of face, make 1/2"-long straight stitch "mouth", then push needle back through to bottom of head. Knot thread to secure.
8. Using photo as guide, glue nose to face. Use scissors point to make two small holes for eyes. Glue beads into holes. Use cotton-tipped swab to apply blush to cheeks, if desired.
9. Glue two arm pieces wrong sides together. Repeat. Glue arms to body at "X" indicated on pattern. Glue feet to front of body and tail to back of body so bunny sits steadily. Glue head to body.
10. Using photo as guide, glue paw, finger, foot, and toe pads to appropriate pieces.
11. Glue inner ears to wrong side of outer ears. Overlap opposite sides of ear bottoms and glue to top of head, 1-1/2" apart.

12. Cut following pieces from bright green felt for bow: 4" x 12"; 1" x 8"; 1" x 2". Beginning at one side, wrap 8" strip around neck; glue to secure. Glue short ends of largest piece together, forming tube. With glued ends at center, pinch felt together and wrap with short strip of felt; glue to secure. Glue bow to side of neck.
13. Glue paintbrush to paw and flat sides of Easter eggs to bunny.

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Terra Cotta Easter Bunny

By: DecoArt

Use terra cotta gardens pots to create a cheerful Easter Bunny to adorn a treat-filled basket or for whimsical home decoration.



Materials:

[Pattern here](#)

DecoArt Products Required
Patio Paint

- DCP04 - Pine Green
- DCP14 - Cloud White
- DCP20 - Sunflower Yellow
- DCP21 - Wrought Iron Black
- DCP37 - Blue Bell
- DCP41 - Carnation Pink

Supplies

- Brushes - Synthetic Brushes for Acrylics: 12 & 6 Flats, 1 Liner
- Supplies - Water container, paper towels, palette paper, tracing & transfer paper, pencil, hot glue gun & sticks, fine-point black permanent marker, sponge, wire cutters
- Misc - 8" X 10" white felt, 10" white wire
- 2 ea 4" Terra Cotta Pots
- 4" & 5" Saucers

- 1/2" Peg
- 2-1/2" Wood Doll Head Bead
- Woodsies: 3 Small Circles, 1 Large Heart

Instructions:

Product Note

Patio Paint is a self-sealing exterior paint. No prior preparation is needed when working on wood. For other surfaces, follow directions on label. Patio Paint may be used on all porous surfaces such as concrete, terra cotta, wood, plaster, etc. Because of the self-sealing agents, the paint does not require a varnish upon completion.

Painting Instructions

1. Hat: Paint 3" saucer Sunflower Yellow with 12 flat brush and shade with Golden Honey. Cut ear shapes from white felt and glue to saucer bottom.

2. Face: Paint 2-1/2" bead, heart shape and 2 small circles Cloud White. Paint peg and other small circle Carnation Pink. Glue pieces into place, referring to photo. Lightly sponge a little Carnation Pink onto cheeks. Add black with 1 liner to eyes and dots to cheeks. Cut wire into 4 equal pieces and glue into place for whiskers.

3. Body: Glue two 4" pots rim to rim and use photo as pattern guide. Paint overalls Light Waterfall Blue and remaining areas Cloud White. Shade with Cloud White and Wrought Iron Black. Cut arms from white felt and glue, referring to photo.

4. Transfer pattern for egg basket onto large wood circle. Paint basket Sunflower Yellow, shaded with Golden Honey and highlighted with Cloud White. Paint grass with 1:1 mix of Pine Green and Cloud White. Use 6 flat brush to paint eggs Carnation Pink, Blue Bell and Sunflower Yellow. Paint the remainder of circle Light Waterfall Blue.

5. Turn 5" saucer upside down and paint Pine Green highlighted with 1:1 mix of Pine Green and Cloud White. Paint "feet" Cloud White.

6. Glue sections into place, referring to photo. When completely dry, use marker to add details to basket, hat and overalls.

Designer: Marcia Goss

Techniques

Transferring a Pattern

Lay tracing paper over pattern and draw the basic lines. Lay this tracing on the surface to be painted. Slip graphite paper between the tracing and the surface. Tape to secure. Trace with a pencil to transfer the design. Do not trace details until after basecoating has dried.

Paper Blossom Easter Bunny

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Bearing blooms of spring and Easter cheer, this paper bunny is so charming! Plus this Easter craft is so quick and easy you can keep them for yourself for Easter decorating or pass along as a thoughtful Easter gift for a friend.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Block, 18" x 4" x 4"
 - Cube, 5"
- White embossed scrapbooking paper, four 12" x 12" sheets
- Card stock or heavyweight paper, solids or subtle patterns: orange; green; pearl white; pearl pink; pink; blue; black; assorted pastels
- Pink pom pom, 1"
- Blue wiggle eyes, 1/2", two
- Ribbon, 3/8" x 8" length
- Craft punches: 1/4" and 1/2" circles; various flowers
- Pencil
- Paraffin or candle stub
- Serrated knife
- Ruler
- Extra-large rubber bands (optional)
- Scissors
- Yellow-head straight pins
- Glue sticks and low temperature glue gun
- White, thick craft glue

[Download Pattern](#)

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin; cut 4" cube from foam block. Set aside remainder of foam block for future project.
2. Cut the following strips from white embossed paper to cover foam cubes: one 4 1/2" x 12"; one 4 1/2" x 6"; two 5 1/2" x 12". In addition, cut one 4" square and one 5" square from white embossed paper; set aside.
3. Overlap two short ends of 4 1/2"-wide strips 1/2" to create one 4 1/2" x 17 1/2" strip; glue overlapped ends to secure. Repeat with 5 1/2" wide strips, creating one 5 1/2" x 23 1/2" strip; glue ends to secure.
4. Wrap appropriate paper strip around four sides of each foam cube, allowing paper to extend 1/2" above top edge of cube; do not glue yet. Use fingers to crimp paper at cube corners; remove paper and crisply fold at crimp marks. Score and fold a line 1/2" from top edge of strip, as well.
5. Glue paper strip around cube sides, overlapping ends. Hold paper in place with hands or large rubber bands until glue dries. Clip paper corners above foam and fold excess down to top of each cube; glue to secure. Glue paper squares to tops of cubes. Use glue gun to glue cubes together as shown.
6. Cut patterns from papers as indicated.
7. Cut slit along bottom edge of each rabbit leg as indicated on pattern. Gently pull two sides of slit together so paper overlaps, making paper cup slightly; glue to secure. Glue legs to sides of body.
8. To curl arms slightly, gently pull paper over side of pencil. Glue arms to sides of body as shown.
9. Glue ear linings to ears; glue bottom corners of ears together to make them cup. Make gentle fold across horizontal center of each ear and curl over pencil so ears have shape. Glue ears to sides of head.
10. For tail, cut 1 1/4" x 6" strip from white pearl paper; cut fringe every 1/8". Roll paper strip tightly and glue end to secure. Flare fringe out and down to create "cotton tail." Glue tail to back of rabbit.
11. Refer to photo to glue wiggle eyes and pom pom nose to face. For cheeks, punch two 1/2" circles from pink paper; glue to face.
12. Cut six 1/8" x 2 1/2" strips from blue paper for whiskers; glue to face as shown. Cut small smile from black paper and glue to face; cut narrow strip from black paper to connect mouth and nose. Cut eyelash fringe from black paper, if desired; glue just above eyes.

13. Tie ribbon into bow with tails and glue to bunny's neck.
14. Punch flowers of various sizes from assorted pastel papers. Punch 1/4" holes from contrasting papers for flower centers. Glue centers to flowers. Use yellow-head pins dipped in glue to attach flowers to neck and base of one ear as shown.
15. For carrot leaves, cut 2" x 5" strip from green paper; cut fringe every 1/8". Glue bit of green fringe to top back of each carrot. Separate and crimp some fringe to add dimension. Glue carrots under arm as shown.

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Bear in Bunny Suit

By: Debra Quartermain for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

This bear pair gets in on the Easter fun by donning fuzzy bunny suits to paint their eggs.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Balls: 5"; 3"; 2"
 - Eggs: two 3"; three 2-1/2"
- White polar fleece, 1/3 yd.
- Tan plush felt or synthetic animal fur, 4" x 6"
- Felt: pink, 9" x 12" sheet; dark brown scrap
- White pom pom, 2"
- Polka dot ribbon, 1/2" x 1/3 yd.
- Black eye beads, two each: 6mm; 8mm
- Daisy buttons: 1"; 1-1/2"
- Mulberry paper: mint green; teal blue; lilac; yellow
- White/iridescent glitter
- Cosmetic blush
- Paintbrushes: #4; #12
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Compass
- Medium flat paintbrush
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Scissors

- Needles: embroidery; 3" sewing
- Dark brown embroidery floss, 1 yd.
- Straight pins
- Découpage medium
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut thin slices from five sides of 5" foam ball for mama bear body, forming a cylindrical hexagon with one rounded side for tummy.
2. Cut thin slice from one side of 4" ball for mama bear head. Cut 2" ball in half for baby bear head. Cut two large foam eggs in half for mama's feet and baby's body; cut 1/2" from both ends of one half-egg for baby's body.
3. Tear four 3" squares from each mulberry paper color. Brush découpage medium onto 2-1/2" eggs and layer on paper, one teal, one green, and one a mix of yellow and lilac. While wet, sprinkle on glitter; let dry.
4. Use Mama Foot Pad pattern to cut one pink felt tummy piece for baby. In addition, use same pattern to cut four white feet for baby, turning pattern over before tracing two of the pieces. Glue baby's foot pieces together in pairs, plush side out; set aside until Step 15.
5. In addition, for mama bear, cut 2-1/2" x 7-1/2" strip from fleece for head and 7" x 14" strip for body. For baby bear, cut 1/2" x 5-1/2" strip from fleece for head. Cut 2-1/4" circle (mama) and 1-1/4" circle (baby) from tan plush felt or fur for faces.
6. Place large feet and baby bear body cut sides down on wrong side of fleece. Trace around each shape with a pencil, 1/2" beyond edge of foam. Cut out fleece pieces. Trace again, cutting second set of shapes on traced line.
7. Trace large egg once more onto pink felt; cut out for mama's tummy. Glue pink felt ears to white fleece, 1/2" apart; cut out 1/4" larger all around to create ears.
8. Construct heads with flat side of 4" ball at bottom and flat side of 2" half-ball at back. Glue face circles in place. Refer to photo to poke eye holes; glue beads into holes.
9. Using six strands floss, sew running stitch for mouth as shown; insert needle into bottom of head and come out through front. Use fingertip to blush cheeks. Glue noses in place.
10. Wrap fleece strips cut in Step 5 around heads, overlapping ends at bottom; glue to secure. Apply thin line of glue to bear ears and glue to heads as shown. Pinch bottoms of bunny ears together and glue to tops of heads as shown.

11. With rounded side of mama bear body toward front, wrap fleece strip cut in Step 5 around foam; overlap and glue ends at back. Pull fleece toward top and bottom of body, gathering and smoothing as needed. Glue to secure.
12. Repeat Step 11 for baby bear body, keeping rounded side toward front, and using two pieces cut in Step 6. Place foam half-egg, rounded side down, on wrong side of larger fleece oval; pull fleece to flat side, smoothing gathers as much as possible, and glue to secure. Glue same-size oval to back and trim excess.
13. Cover mama bear's feet in same way as baby bear's body; glue same-size pieces to flat sides of feet.
14. Glue heads to bodies. Glue mama's arm pieces together in pairs, plush side out; glue arms to sides of bodies where head and body meet as shown.
15. Glue foot and toe pads to bottoms of all feet. Glue pink tummies to bodies. Glue feet to front of bodies. Glue pom pom tail to back of mama bear. Tie ribbon bow and glue to mama's neck. Glue daisy buttons to bears' necks.
16. Glue baby's paw to mouth. Brush glue on nose, sprinkle with glitter, and glue tiny mulberry scraps to feet and paw.
17. Cut #4 and #12 paintbrushes down to bear size. Dip bristles into glue and sprinkle with glitter. Apply a bit of glue and glitter to handles, as well. Let dry completely. Glue brushes into paws.
18. Glue baby bear into mama's lap as shown. Arrange eggs as desired. To curl bunny ears, roll forward and hold; release.

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Easter Bunny Sacks with Tissue Paper Ears

By: DecoArt

With a simple painting pattern and floppy tissue paper "ears," turn inexpensive paper lunch sacks into Easter bunny bags. Use for decoration at an Easter brunch or egg-hunt.



Materials:

[Pattern here](#)

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Acrylics

- DA114 - Light Cinnamon

Supplies
Surfaces

- Brushes - Synthetic Brushes for Acrylics: 8 Flat Brush, 1 Liner, Stippler or Sponge
- Supplies - Water container, paper towels, palette paper, tracing & graphite paper, pencil or stylus, white, pink or Easter print tissue
- Brown Paper Lunch Bags

Instructions:

Product Note

Americana Acrylics are artist-quality, water-based, non-toxic paints. They are intermixable and suitable for almost any surface. They are creamy to facilitate smooth and easy brush strokes, and highly pigmented for richer color and one-stroke coverage. The wide range of colors makes color coordination easy: It reduces the waste of mixing to get the perfect hue.

Transferring Patterns

Lay tracing paper over pattern and draw the basic lines. Lay this tracing on the surface to be painted. Slip graphite paper between the tracing and the surface and secure. Trace with a pencil or stylus to transfer the design. Do not trace details until after basecoating has dried.

Preparation

Trace and transfer pattern lightly onto bags.

Painting Instructions

Helpful Hint: Remember to always dab your brush or sponge on a paper towel to distribute the paint in the bristles and to lessen the amount of paint on your brush or sponge.

1. With a flat brush, basecoat nose and mouth Baby Pink; shade top and side of nose and upper part of mouth with Boysenberry Pink. With a liner and thinned Titanium White, highlight the nose with a couple of strokes. Side-load a flat brush with Light Cinnamon and shade the outside of the nose from the top of the head, past the eyes to the cheeks. Also shade under the lip.
2. With Country Blue, basecoat the eye and shade with Sapphire on the outside edges. Basecoat the rest of the eye with Lamp Black. Outline eyes and paint the lashes with Lamp Black. Highlight with white strokes and a dot.
3. Using a stippling brush or a piece of sponge squeezed together, pick up Baby Pink and, starting at the top of the cheek, work your way down with a light pounce.
4. Do the same on the lower cheek, using white and starting at the lower area and working upward.
5. With a liner, mix a little Lamp Black into the Light Cinnamon and outline the nose, the top and lower part of the cheek, top lip and a little on the bottom lip. Lightly brush in a little white on the lip and pull out some short hairs. With a liner and thin white paint, pull out whiskers and forehead hairs.
6. Dab a few dots of the Lamp Black/Light Cinnamon mix on the jowls.
7. Fill bag with treats and a sheet of tissue stuffed in the center area. Pull out the ends to resemble ears. Place a piece of tape between the ears to close the bag. Add bow or flower between ears, if desired. Bags may also be personalized by writing name with Baby Pink.

Side loading: Dip clean brush into water or extender; blot to remove excess. Dip corner or stroke side edge of brush into puddle of paint to pick up small amount. Remaining in the same spot on the palette, use short repeated strokes to gently move paint across hairs. Turn brush over and stroke through same spot until color moves across hairs, fading away before reaching opposite side.

Easter... "Oops"

By: Cindy Groom Harry for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Oops, bunny fell into the basket looking for those last few Easter eggs. The fun surprise with this Easter decorating craft is that bunny is hiding an air freshener.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - 1- 2-3/8" Long Eggs
 - 1-4" Ball
- 1-The Dial Corp. Renuzit® Adjustable Air Freshener
- 1- 4" Clay Pot, 3 1/2" High
- Acrylic Paint: White, Pink
- Natural Sea Sponge
- Felt: 1-1" x 5 1/2" Piece Pink; 1- 6"x 9" Piece White
- 1- 2" White Pom
- Green Paper Crimps
- Low-temp glue gun & glue sticks
- Serrated knife
- Metal spoon
- Paint brush
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Toothpicks

- Paper towels

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. **FLOWER POT:** Dip damp sea sponge in Pink paint. Blot excess off on paper towel. Lightly sponge paint pot; let dry. Repeat process using White paint. Cut paper crimps into approximately 3" lengths. Apply glue to inside top edge of clay pot. Press ends of paper crimps into glue, allowing paper crimps to drape over clay pot edge. Place Renuzit® Air Freshener in clay pot. Trace bottom of pot onto white felt, cut out, trim if needed and glue to pot.
2. **BODY:** Using metal spoon, carve out inside of ball of STYROFOAM to fit on air freshener. Paint body White; let dry. Place body onto topper.
3. **TAIL:** Trim one end of pom to make flat surface and glue to body, centered above feet. Trim top of pom if necessary.
4. **FEET:** Cut foam egg in half lengthwise for feet. Using back of metal spoon, round cut edges of egg. Use spoon to shape three toes on large round end of each foot. Paint feet White; let dry. From white felt, cut two feet according to pattern. Glue to bottom of feet and trim as necessary. From pink felt, cut two large foot pads and six small foot pads according to patterns. Position and glue to bottom of feet. Poke toothpick into top of feet. Position feet onto body just above pot rim, approximately 1 1/2" apart; secure with glue.
5. **GEL REPLACEMENT:** When the original gel is depleted, simply replace with a new air freshener. For future projects: if your project base is decorated, remove dried gel. From a new container, remove new, non-toxic gel, then slip it over the post of the decorated base and reposition the decorated topper.

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Buster the Bunny

By: Debi Schmitz for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Floppy bunny eyeing a (what else?) larger-than-life carrot.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - 2 Cones, 12" x 4"
 - 2 Eggs, 5 7/8" x 3 7/8"
 - 2 Eggs, 3 1/16" x 2 5/16"
 - 1 Ball, 3"
 - 1 Ball, 2"
- Felt: 1 yds. antique white shaggy plush; 1- 18" square orange; 1- 9" x 12" sheet Kelly green
- 1 Pair of comical mouse eyes, 28 x 42mm
- 1 Animal nose with shank, 18 mm black
- 8 Buttons, assorted
- Cotton fabric: 1- 3" x 1 yd. torn strip; 5 coordinating scraps for patches
- Permanent marker, black
- 2 yds. of pearl cotton or crochet thread, tan
- Quilting thread, tan (very strong)
- Needle
- Wire: 26-gauge and 18-gauge
- Serrated knife
- Table knife
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. Using serrated knife, cut the foam pieces as follows (hint: for smoother cuts, wax the knife blade first with an old candle):
 - a. Cut one large egg in half lengthwise. Cut off 2" from pointed end. See Diagram 1. (Feet)
 - b. Cut in half the 3" and 2" balls. (Tail and cheeks)
 - c. Cut a notch out of the pointed end of each 3 1/16" egg. See Diagram 2. (Hands)
2. Feet: Place foot, round side down, in center of 8" square of shaggy plush felt (SP). Pull SP as flat as possible around the front, rounded edge (toes); glue to bottom of foot. Stretch and gather the remaining SP toward the back of the foot; glue to bottom of foot. Trim excess SP, making sure the bottom of foot is as flat as possible. Using a table knife, press toe lines into the front of foot. Repeat for other foot.
3. Hands: Bend over 1" on ends of 18" length of 16-gauge wire. Insert and glue wire loop into the wide end of a hand. Place the hand in the center of a 9" square of SP. Using white craft glue, securely glue the center of SP into the notch of the hand. Let dry. Carefully pull and stretch the SP around the egg towards the wire twist. Wire tightly with another length of wire; cut off excess wire. Repeat for other hand.
4. Arms: With right sides together, glue the long edge of a 10" x 36" piece of SP. Let dry. Turn right side out and thread onto hands. Fold under 2" on each end; wire tightly at the wrist. Glue a 1" x 8" SP strip around wrist over wire; cut off excess SP. Bend a 9" length of 16-gauge wire around center of the arm piece. Glue and insert ends into the top of the cone from the sides; secure with another piece of wire if needed. (Be careful not to break the top of the cone.)
5. Tail: Cover the 3" half ball with a 5" square of SP as in Step 2 for the feet.
6. Center and glue a 9" square of SP to the bottom and sides of one large cone.
7. Head: Bend a 1" loop into end of 12" length of 16-gauge wire. Following Diagram 3, glue and insert wire loop into large egg (head). Glue the 1 1/2" half balls on head for cheeks. Cut a 15" x 22" piece of SP. Spread craft glue on and around cheeks. Center SP over cheeks, positioning felt lengthwise; press and shape felt onto cheeks. When securely attached to cheeks, stretch SP around head, pulling tightly to the neck. Secure with wire tie; cut off excess fabric. Cut neck wire to 6"; glue and insert wire into top of cone in front of the arm piece (Do not break off the top of the cone.)
8. Body: With right sides together, glue together the short sides of a 20" x 36" piece of SP. Let dry; turn right side out. Lay SP tube on work surface with the glued seam in the center. Following Diagram 4, cut a 6" slit in each side at one end of the tube (arm holes). Using a doubled or

tripled thread, tightly gather the uncut end of the tube; knot and secure. Insert wide end of cone into fabric tube; glue. Gather the top edge of tube, placing arms through the arm slits; gather tightly around the neck. Knot and secure the thread.

9. Insert and glue a 3" length of 16-gauge wire into the center of the tail. Glue tail to bunny. Glue feet to front of the bunny using 5" lengths of wire.
10. Cut two 4" x 15" strips of SP; round edges on one end for ears. Gather opposite end together and wire righty with a 2" length of 16-gauge wire. Poke a small hole in head, slightly off center; glue and insert wired end of ear. Repeat for other ear.
11. Tie together in the center five 12" lengths of cotton thread. Using fingers, spread craft glue on threads, wiping off excess. When dry, glue knot to face where the tops of cheeks meet. In the same location, poke a small hole and glue nose shank into hole. Poke two small holes in head for eyes; glue shanks into head. Cut eyelids using Pattern A; glue onto eyes.
12. Tie fabric strip around neck, making a bow; trim ends. Glue three patches onto bunny; embellish patches with buttons.
13. Carrot: Cut orange felt into a triangle, following Diagram 5. Place cone on felt, with points going in the same direction. Fold the felt point up onto the cone and glue. Fold the sides of the felt in and roll cone in felt. Using serrated knife, carve a 1" deep hole into center top of carrot; pull felt tightly and glue into hole. Cut green felt into six 12" long x 1" wide strips; fold in half and wire together. Glue wired center into hole in top of carrot. Glue two, 2" square patches onto carrot; embellish with buttons. Draw stitch lines on patches.

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Garden Bunny Easter Box

By: DecoArt

A cheerful bunny presents a garden of Easter goodies in this painted wood box. Display painted eggs in this open box for the perfect Easter decor.



Materials:

[Pattern here](#)

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Acrylics

- DA110 - Blush Flesh
- DA114 - Light Cinnamon
- DA131 - Hauser Light Green
- DA152 - Shale Green
- DA154 - Pansy Lavender
- DA156 - Antique Rose
- DA163 - Honey Brown
- DA164 - Light Buttermilk
- DA168 - Golden Straw
- DA173 - Khaki Tan
- DA189 - Summer Lilac

Americana Spray Sealers

- DAS13 - Americana Matte Spray

Wood Sealer

- DS16 - Americana Wood Sealer

Supplies

- Brushes by Loew-Cornell - La Corneille: 3/4", 10, 6 & 2 Flats Series 7300; 3/8" & 1/4" Angular Shaders Series 7400; 1 Liner Series 7350; 2 Stencil Brush Series 1135; 4 Scruffy Flat Brush
- Supplies - Brush basin, palette, paper towels, tracing & transfer paper, pencil, stylus, sandpaper, 1/8" stripe stencil, masking tape, tack cloth &, if cutting your own wood, scroll saw with 5R blade, 3/4" brads, double-stick carpet tape, nails & nail-set, wood filler
- Bunny Box, available from Cabin Crafters, 1-800-669- 3920; OR
- 1/4" X 30" X 11" Baltic birch
- 1/8" X 2" X 2" Baltic birch

Instructions:

Preparation

Note: If purchasing the box already cut out, skip to step 5.

1. Transfer pattern outlines of the four box sides to 1/4" Baltic birch. Cut two matching sides at once, using tabs of double-stick carpet tape between the two layers. Transfer the single flower pattern to 1/8" Baltic birch.
2. Cut out the pieces using a scroll saw with 5R blade. Sand each piece well. Assemble the four sides, using photo as a guide. The two sides should be glued so the flowers run in opposite directions. Run a bead of wood glue on each piece, attach it and then secure the sides with 3/4" brads.
3. Use assembled four sides as a pattern for the approximately 7-1/4" X 7-1/4" base. Cut the base, sand and insert into place with wood glue; secure with brads.
4. Set nails using a nail set, fill all nail holes and any cracks between pieces with wood filler. When wood filler is dry, sand smooth and wipe away dust.
5. Seal entire piece with Wood Sealer. Allow to dry and sand lightly again with fine sandpaper. Wipe piece clean of dust.

Painting Instructions

1. Using 3/4" brush and 1:1 mix of Toffee and Light Buttermilk, basecoat inside and bottom of box and entire bunny with several coats, sanding lightly between coats.
2. Basecoat the front, sides and lip between flowers Shale Green.
3. Transfer the main lines of the bunny, flowers, leaves and stems.

Note: Use 10, 6 and 2 flat brushes to basecoat, and the 3/8" and 1/4" angular shaders to float shading, choosing the size brush that best fits the area. Use 1 liner for details and lining and 2 stencil brush for stenciling the stripes on the bunny's vest. The 4 scruffy brush is used for dry-brushing highlights.

Bunny

1. Float Baby Pink shading on ears and, when dry, deepen slightly next to the fold with Blush Flesh. Directly above pink shading, highlight tops of folds with floated Light Buttermilk. Float Khaki Tan shading on the lower edge of the ears, on hands, arms, behind vest and on feet.
2. Basecoat iris in eyes Uniform Blue and remainder of eye Light Buttermilk. Float Country Blue on lower half of iris, then dot shine marks Light Buttermilk.
3. Basecoat nose Baby Pink; shade lower half with Blush Flesh and highlight Light Buttermilk. Paint line work on face with slightly thinned Lamp Black. Dry-brush Baby Pink cheek blush, using a circular motion.
4. Basecoat vest Country Blue, and, when dry, stencil stripes Uniform Blue. Float Uniform Blue shading under chin and arms. Line trim on vest Hauser Light Green. With wooden end of brush, dot buttons Golden Straw. Shade lower third of buttons Light Cinnamon, and highlight upper third with dry-brushed Light Buttermilk. Dot Lamp Black buttonholes, then line the thread between them with Uniform Blue. Randomly dot the entire bunny with Light Buttermilk.

Stems & Leaves

1. Basecoat Avocado, using liner and 2 flat brush. Float shading on leaves with 2:1 mix of Avocado and Lamp Black. Highlight by dry-brushing Hauser Light Green.
2. Line leaf veins Hauser Light Green, thinned to inky consistency. Float Avocado shading along lower edge of box with 3/4" brush.

Coral Flowers

1. Basecoat flowers Blush Flesh. Shade around centers with Antique Rose. Dry-brush highlights with 1:4 mix of Blush Flesh and Light Buttermilk, in center of each petal.
2. Basecoat flower centers with Light Cinnamon; float shading of Burnt Umber and dry-brush highlights of Golden Straw. Paint flower cut-out and leaf same as above.

Purple Tulips

1. Basecoat tulips Summer Lilac and shade Pansy Lavender. Highlight by dry-brushing with 1:4 mix of Summer Lilac and Light Buttermilk.
2. For dot at base of tulip, dot first with Pansy Lavender; when dry, dot a smaller dot in center of the first one with highlight mix.

Yellow Flowers

1. Basecoat flowers Golden Straw. With 1 liner and 1:1 mix of Toffee and Light Buttermilk, stroke petals, reloading after each petal. When dry, shade around center with Honey Brown. Line short spoke-like lines between petals near the center with Honey Brown.
2. Basecoat centers Honey Brown. Shade centers Light Cinnamon and highlight by dry-brushing Golden Straw.

Blue Morning Glories

1. Basecoat entire flowers Country Blue. When dry, transfer pattern for centers.
2. Basecoat centers Uniform Blue; when dry, use Lamp Black to dot and line designs in middle. Dry-brush highlights with 1:3 mix of Country Blue and Light Buttermilk.

White Daisies

1. Basecoat flowers Light Buttermilk and centers Light Cinnamon.
2. Shade around centers Khaki Tan, then thin Khaki Tan to ink consistency and line varying length lines around centers.
3. Shade centers Burnt Umber and dry-brush Light Buttermilk highlights. Dot Light Buttermilk around centers with stylus.

Pink Tulip

1. Basecoat Baby Pink; shade Blush Flesh. Dry-brush highlights with 1:4 mix of Baby Pink and Light Buttermilk.
2. Dot below flower Blush Flesh; when dry, over-dot with pink/buttermilk mix.

FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sand off paint where flower is to be glued; wood glue it into place.
2. Spray box inside and out with several light coats of Americana Matte Spray.

Mama and Baby Easter Bunny Snuggles

By: Debra Quartermain for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Hippity-hoppity, Easter's on its way! You'll love how easy this no-sew Easter craft is to construct. Makes great home spring decor to keep your home bring and cheery.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - Balls: 1 1/2", one; 1", two
 - Eggs: 2 1/2" x 1 7/8" and 5 7/8" x 3 7/8", one each; 3 1/16" x 2 5/16", two
- Felt: baby pink, 9" x 12"; lilac plush, 8" x 16"; 45" mint green plush, 1/3 yd.
- Pom poms: 3/4" white, two; 1/2" pink, two
- Black beads: 6mm; 8mm, two each
- 1/2" mint green satin ribbon, 1/2 yd.
- Sewing thread or embroidery floss, white
- Pencil
- Old candle
- Straight pins
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Compass
- Serrated knife
- Sewing needle
- Glue sticks and low temperature glue gun

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Steps:

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1. Wax serrated knife blade with old candle. Cut one 2 1/2" x 1 7/8" egg and one 3 1/16" x 2 5/16" egg in half lengthwise for Mama's front paws and back feet. Cut the 1" ball in half for Mama's cheeks. Press remaining balls and eggs on a rigid surface to slightly flatten one side.
2. Using patterns, cut out felt pieces as indicated. From plush felt, use a compass to cut following circles: one 4" mint green for Mama's tail, two 2" mint green for Mama's cheeks, and one 3" lilac for baby's tail.
3. Center Mama's foam cheeks, front paws, back feet, body (large egg), and tail (1 1/2" ball) flat side up on wrong side of corresponding mint green felt piece. Wrap felt around edges of foam onto flat edge and pin at top, bottom, and center of each side. Adjust excess fabric between pins and then glue felt in place. Remove pins. Trim excess felt as necessary. Repeat to cover baby bunny's foam body (3 1/16" x 2 5/16" egg) and tail (1" ball) with lilac felt.
4. Glue pink felt pads to bottom of Mama's front paws and back feet. Also glue body bottom to uncovered portion of Mama.
5. Pair each pink ear with a mint green ear and glue wrong sides together.
6. Using photo as a guide, glue 1" cheeks side by side to narrow end of Mama's body. Repeat to glue 3/4" white pom pom cheeks to baby bunny. Glue a 1/2" pink pom pom nose to each bunny, centered above cheeks.
7. Stitch horizontally through cheeks of each bunny with doubled white thread or two strands of embroidery floss. Trim thread to 1 1/2" on each side of cheeks to form whiskers. Repeat to add more whiskers.
8. Poke scissors tip through felt to create two small eyeholes above cheeks on each bunny. Glue beads in holes for eyes, using 8mm for Mama and 6mm for baby.
9. With your fingers, gather base of each ear and glue to top of head. Position ears so ends drape down on opposite sides of head with pink side facing bunny.
10. Glue narrow end of front paws and back feet to bottom of Mama's body. Glue baby bunny to top of large bunny. Glue tails to top back of bunnies.
11. Tie ribbon in a small bow and glue to baby bunny centered between ears.

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Easter Bunnies and Chicks Parade

By: DecoArt

Create a whimsical parade of Easter bunnies and chicks with the help of terra cotta pots in various sizes. Place along the fireplace mantel for cute Easter decoration.



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Patio Paint

- DCP14 - Cloud White
- DCP21 - Wrought Iron Black
- DCP25 - Citrus Green
- DCP27 - Red Pepper
- DCP28 - Fiesta Yellow
- DCP29 - Petunia Purple
- DCP33 - Hydrangea Blue
- DCP36 - Tiger Lily Orange
- DCP37 - Blue Bell
- DCP41 - Carnation Pink

DecoArt Brushes

- DS23 - Easy Cling Brush (3)

Supplies

- Brushes - Loew-Cornell, Royal or Eagle - 1 Liner
- Supplies - Brush basin, palette, paper towels, covered wire, sheer pink ribbon, fun foam, glue gun & glue sticks, sponge

- Terra Cotta Pots in Assorted Sizes
- Assorted Wooden Circles, Balls & Beads

Instructions:

Preparation - Cut bunny ears of varying sizes from fun foam.

Painting Instructions

4", 3" & 2-1/2" BUNNIES

1. For 4" bunny, use sponge to paint pot, wooden bead and ears Hydrangea Blue.
2. When dry, use sponge to paint Cloud White over Hydrangea Blue. Add extra Cloud White in face area.
3. Dip tip of brush handle in Hydrangea Blue for eyes, Carnation Pink for nose. Add Carnation Pink for cheeks with pouncer.
4. Glue bead onto pot.
5. Paint covered wire whiskers Hydrangea Blue. Glue onto face.
6. For inside of ears, apply Carnation Pink with pouncer.
7. Glue ears to top of head.
8. Repeat Steps 1-7 for 3" and 2-1/2" pots, using smaller beads and replacing Hydrangea Blue with Petunia Purple for the 3" pot and Blue Bell for the 2-1/2" pot.

2" & 1" BUNNIES

1. Follow Steps 1-3 for 4" pot, using Cloud White for first coat and Hydrangea Blue or Carnation Pink for second coat.
2. Add Wrought Iron Black eyes and mouth, Cloud White cheeks and Red Pepper nose.
3. Glue head onto bunny body and ears onto top of head.

DUCKS

1. Follow Steps 1-3 for 4" pot, using Cloud White as first coat and Fiesta Yellow as second coat.
2. Add Wrought Iron Black eyes and Tiger Lily Orange beaks.

3. Cut heart-shaped wings from fun foam. Use pouncer to paint wings first with Cloud White, then Fiesta Yellow. Glue to sides of pots.
4. Cut out feet from fun foam. Use pouncers to paint Tiger Lily Orange with Wrought Iron Black lines to divide toes. Glue feet to pot rim.
5. Use Petunia Purple for apron; dot with Carnation Pink.
6. Tie small bows with ribbon. Glue to heads of ducks and small bunnies.

BASKETS

1. Paint 1" & 2" pots Petunia Purple and 1" pot Carnation Pink. Paint 2 pieces of covered wire Carnation Pink and 1 piece Petunia Purple.
2. Glue wire to insides of pots to form handles.
3. Paint jelly beans around rims, using Tiger Lily Orange, Petunia Purple, Fiesta Yellow and Citrus Green. Use liner to outline jelly beans on 2" pots with Wrought Iron Black.

Easter Home Décor and Craft Projects for Entertaining

Bunny Plastic Canvas Coasters

By: Kathryn Rubinstein for Kreinik

Need some quick decorations for an Easter party, spring birthday party, or even a women's tea party? You can make these coasters in a jiffy - stitch as many as you need!



Materials:

- 10-count plastic canvas
- DMC embroidery floss as listed in color key
- Kreinik Very Fine #4 Braid as listed in color key
- Embroidery needle
- Scissors
- White flexi-foam
- Craft glue

Steps:

1. Cut rectangles of plastic canvas, each 38 threads by 49 thread.
2. Follow the chart and use full 6-strands of floss for all cross stitches and Hungarian stitches. Use Very Fine #4 Braid doubled in the needle for all cross stitches using metallic threads. Work bunnies first.
3. When each bunny is complete, add straight-stitch toes. Fill in background with Hungarian Stitches.

Finishing:

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Trim canvas edges smooth. Finish edges with whip or overcast stitches. Trim off excess floss thread. Optional: cut pieces of foam each slightly smaller than coasters. glue foam backing to wrong side of each coaster.

For color key, click [here](#).

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or www.kreinik.com.

Easter Critters Napkin Rings

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Kids will happily "hop to it" when you invite them to create these cute holiday decorations. A great motivator when you need help setting the table.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Balls, one each per napkin ring: 1-1/2"; 1"
- Acrylic paints: yellow; white; pink
- Felt scraps: yellow; orange; white
- Craft feathers: yellow; white
- Pink mini pom pom, 1/8"
- Pink satin ribbon, 1/8"
- Black half-round eye beads, 8mm, two per napkin ring
- Pink powdered blush (optional)
- Cardboard paper towel tube
- Serrated plastic knife or serrated kitchen knife and candle stub or paraffin
- Ruler
- Wooden skewers
- Small flat paintbrush
- Disposable palette
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Iron and ironing board
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

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Note: Adults only should handle knives, and this project requires adult supervision.

1. Cut cardboard tube into 1-1/2"-wide rings.
2. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut small slice from bottom of each 1-1/2" foam ball so head will rest flat; glue head to top of cardboard ring.
3. Paint head/ring white (bunny, duck) or yellow (chick). Place skewer on table edge and weight one end with heavy book or similar item. Hang ring from skewer to dry.
4. Cut each 1" foam ball in half for feet; flat edge will rest on table. For bunny, use skewer to press indentations into edge of each paw to resemble toes; paint paws white and let dry. Glue feet to bottom of ring.
5. For duck and chick, cut tiny wedges from feet to separate "toes"; paint feet orange and let dry. Note: To make painting small foam pieces easier, hold pieces on skewer while painting; place skewer in heavy glass or jar to dry. Glue feet to bottom of rings.
6. Cut 1" x 2 1/2" rectangle from felt and round corners to make bunny ears. Use serrated knife to make small slits in top of bunny head for ears; glue ears into slits, using knife to push felt into foam. Glue pom pom nose to face.
7. For duck and chick, firmly fold beaks in half and press with warm iron. Glue beaks to faces. Note: Adult might want to do cutting and pressing ahead of time.
8. Glue tiny feather wings to duck and chick; glue feather to top of chick's head, pushing feather end in with skewer tip to secure.
9. Use fingertip to blush cheeks and bunny ears, if desired. Cut 6" length from pink ribbon for each character and tie around neck.

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Daisy Duck Spring Centerpiece

By: Debra Quartermain for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

This adorable spring centerpiece craft can be used all season long. It's fun and easy to make and it's perfect for an Easter table or as a fresh table decorating theme.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - One 3" Ball, Seven 1-1/2" Balls
 - Seven 3" eggs
 - 6" x 1-1/4" x 1-1/4" Wreath
- Felt: 45" white plush, 1/3 yd.; gold, white, 9" x 12" sheet each
- Satin ribbon, 1/8" x 1-1/3 yds. each: pink; lilac; pale green; yellow
- Plaid paper-twist ribbon, 1" x 2 yds.
- Silk daisy bush
- Black beads, 5mm, 14
- Fine-gauge floral wire, 18" length
- Serrated knife
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Powdered cosmetic blush (optional)
- Cotton-tipped swab (optional)
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Compass
- Scissors
- Extra-long straight pins
- Wire cutters

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut and discard 1/4"-thick lengthwise slice from each foam egg. Cut and discard thin slice from one side of each foam ball.
2. Use compass to draw seven each of following circles on wrong side of plush felt: 4"; 3"; 1". Cut circles and patterns from felt as indicated. For wings, cut 4" circles in half. In addition, cut two 1-1/2" x 12" strips and one 6" circle from white craft felt.
3. To make base, glue 1-1/2"-wide felt strips to edges of foam wreath. Glue 6" circle to bottom of wreath. Glue 3" foam ball, flat side down, inside center of wreath. Set aside.
4. Place eggs, flat side down, on wrong side of remaining plush felt. Draw a line around each egg, 2" larger than foam. Trace second set of eggs, drawing line at foam edge. Cut out pieces, cutting smaller eggs just inside traced lines.
5. To cover eggs (bodies), center eggs, rounded side down, on larger plush pieces cut in Step 4. Bring felt up to flat side. Pin felt at four opposite points; gather excess between pins. Glue felt to foam; let dry. Remove pins. Trim excess felt. Glue smaller plush pieces to flat sides of eggs.
6. Repeat Step 5, using 3" plush circles to cover small foam balls (heads). Glue 1" plush circles to flat bottoms of heads.
7. With flat side of head at bottom, use scissors point to make two small holes, 1/4" apart, in each head for eyes. Glue beads into holes.
8. Glue bill pieces together in pairs, making 14 upper/lower bills. Glue one upper and one lower bill to each duck, curving slightly to meet at outer edges. Note: When gluing bottom bills to face, pinch some tight in center for a different expression. Use cotton-tipped swab to blush cheeks, if desired.
9. For wings, glue each 4" half-circle in half, with right side out. With rounded edge of wing toward narrow end (tail) and shorter straight edge of wing toward wide end (shoulders) of body, glue wings 1-1/2" apart to bodies. Wings will stand out slightly; glue tips to body.
10. Tip body so tail end is slightly raised from work surface. Using photo as guide, glue head to body. Glue feet to bottom of body, angled slightly outward. Note: If duck tips backward, wreath will keep it in place. Repeat for all ducks. Glue duck bottoms side-by-side to top edge of wreath.
11. Use wire cutters to cut apart daisy bush. Insert stems into ball at center of wreath. Fill in arrangement with extra leaves.
12. Cut satin ribbon into 12" lengths. Tie two lengths of same color into bow around each duck's neck, alternating colors.

13. Tie paper ribbon into bow. Wrap bow center with wire and insert into flowers.

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Dyed Felt Spring Wreath

By: Debbie Rines, courtesy of Duncan Enterprises

This funky, brightly colored wreath is a great way to welcome people into your home this spring. It's easy to make using fashion dyes and iron-on crystals and kids love it. You can even change up the colors or patterns and personalize it for a year-round decoration in a kid's room.



Materials:

- Tulip® One-Step Fashion Dyes™
 - Turquoise
 - Yellow
 - Green
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ 300 Iron-On Crystals™
 - Multi-Pack
- Aleene's® Crafting Adhesives
 - Fabric Fusion™
- Wool felt – white or ivory – 2 yards (must be natural fiber)
- Plastic trash bag
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Ribbon – ½ yard – color to match
- Rotary cutter, ruler and mat - optional
- Crayon
- Sewing pins
- Low tack masking tape
- Steam iron
- Toothpicks

- Foil
- Ruler
- Pencil

Steps:

1. Cover work surface with trash bags.
2. Wet felt under water then place in washer and place on “spin” cycle. Place damp felt on surface and cut into three equal pieces. Smooth out each felt piece on work surface.
3. Wearing gloves from box, fill each bottle of dye with water to line indicated then shake until thoroughly mixed.
4. Squeeze $\frac{3}{4}$ of Yellow dye bottle onto one felt piece, squeezing and working dye into felt with hands. Repeat step on another piece with Turquoise dye. To create Lime color, pour Green dye into Yellow bottle and shake until mixed. Squeeze this mixture on last felt piece. Let set 4-6 hours then wash separately in washer with a large load of cold water and on a short, delicate cycle. Remove and line dry.
5. To create wreath backing, measure and cut a 12” circle from cardboard. Draw a border around circle 2” thick, then cut out center forming a wreath shape.
6. Iron each felt piece, on one side, if needed. Place wreath backing on Lime felt then use pencil to lightly trace shape onto felt. Cut out shape, adding a $\frac{1}{4}$ ” border. Squeeze Fabric Fusion™ on one side of wreath backing and smooth with finger. Place felt piece in place and press to secure. Let dry.
7. Measure and cut one 2” x 16” and two $\frac{1}{2}$ ” x 7” strips from yellow felt. These will form bow.
8. Use rotary cutter or ruler and scissors to cut several $\frac{1}{2}$ ” strips from each piece of felt. Select a strip of felt in desired color and add a drop of Fabric Fusion™ to end. Start tightly rolling strip; a second color can be glued in place on first strip as you roll it, trimming ends if needed and adding drops of glue along the way as it is rolled. Stick a pin in the end to hold in place until dry. Continue rolling various sizes and color variations and enough to fit on wreath backing. Refer to photo.
9. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ ” wide strips of Turquoise felt and swirl into smaller rounds creating 14 total.
10. To create hanger, tie ribbon around wreath, determine length and knot ends together.
11. Place all swirls where desired on wreath backing then use Fabric Fusion™ to glue in place. Glue smaller rounds where shown.

12. Cut thin strips of Turquoise and Lime felt. Glue at diagonal on one side of bow pieces. Let dry then trim excess for a straight edge. To create bow, glue ends of wider yellow strip together forming loop. Cut a small piece of Turquoise felt and wrap around center, gathering center as shown. Trim ends with ½" overlap then glue in place. Hold with tape until dry. Glue remaining pieces on back of bow to create tails.
13. Squeeze a small puddle of Fabric Fusion™ onto foil. Use toothpick to add a small dot of glue where crystal is desired. Touch tip of crayon to top of Turquoise or Lime crystal from carousel then place in glue. The crayon will hold crystal just long enough to put in place. Glue on all remaining crystals. Let dry.
14. Position bow where shown then add glue to back of bow where it touches wreath. Let dry.

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Colorful Easter Table Centerpiece

By: Diane D. Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Wow your guests at Easter dinner with this beautiful bounty of spring color. All it takes is a little STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam, some beautiful florals and candles.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Block, 18" x 12" x 2"
 - Eggs: four 3"; two 2-1/2"; eight 2"
- Florals: mini pink/yellow ranunculus with leaves, 24; mini pink/yellow rosebuds, 30; small pink filler flowers, eight; dark green reindeer moss, one large bag; bright green reindeer moss, one small bag
- Floral pins
- Bright pink/multi-floral print tissue paper, two sheets
- Bright pink taper candles, three
- Plastic candle cups, three
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Fine-line black permanent marker
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wooden skewers, 2", 14
- Floral shears or wire cutters
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Optional: disposable gloves; hair dryer
- Small disposable bowl
- Plastic spoon
- Water basin

- Paper towels
- Waxed paper
- Scissors

Steps:

Eggs

1. Tear tissue paper into several approximately 2" pieces.
2. Mix one part white glue with two parts water in disposable bowl. If desired, put on gloves.
3. Dip one tissue piece into glue/water mixture and then smooth onto surface of foam egg. Continue until egg is completely covered, allowing tissue pieces to wrinkle and overlap. Repeat for all eggs. Place eggs on waxed paper to dry overnight or use dryer.
4. Use glue gun to glue one skewer end into bottom of each 3" egg for "stem." Glue skewer ends into sides of remaining eggs.

Floral Arrangement

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Measure and mark one 4-1/2" x 17" rectangle and one 3" x 6" rectangle on foam block; cut out.
2. Center and glue smaller foam rectangle to top of larger rectangle for base; secure with floral pins. Use glue gun to cover foam surface with dark green moss. Refer to photo to glue clumps of bright green moss to base.
3. Glue one candle cup to center top of base; glue remaining cups to larger section of base near ends of smaller section. Glue 3" egg skewers into base on each side and between candle cups as shown.
4. Trim flower stems and glue stems into center and corners of base as shown. Insert leaves around flowers near bottom of base only, avoiding candle areas.
5. Glue 2-1/2" egg skewers into base between flowers at center front and back. Glue remaining egg skewers into base as follows: two at front near 2-1/2" eggs; two at back near 2-1/2" eggs; one at each corner of larger section.
6. Place candles in candle cups.

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Colorful Easter Place-card Holders

By: Diane D. Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Let the little ones help decorate this colorful Easter egg placecard holders. They are so easy to decorate using STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam, paper and craft wire and your guests will be in awe that you made them.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 3"
- Mini pink/yellow ranunculus
- Bright green reindeer moss, small amount
- Silver craft wire, 20-gauge
- Paper, one sheet each: bright pink/multi-floral print tissue; pink card stock
- Fine-line black permanent marker
- Ruler
- Small disposable bowl
- Plastic spoon
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Waxed paper
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- Long-nose pliers
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Optional: disposable gloves; hair dryer

Steps:

1. Tear tissue paper into several approximately 2" pieces.
2. Mix one part white glue with two parts water in disposable bowl. If desired, put on gloves.
3. Dip one tissue piece into glue/water mixture and then smooth onto surface of foam egg. Continue until egg is completely covered, allowing tissue pieces to wrinkle and overlap. Repeat for all eggs. Place eggs on waxed paper to dry overnight or use hair dryer.
4. Cut 7" length from wire. Bend one end into tight spiral using pliers, leaving opposite end straight.
5. Glue flower to center side of egg as shown. Glue straight wire end into egg through flower center. With flower at top, glue small pieces of moss around base of egg to support it in upright position.
6. Cut place card of desired size from card stock. Write name on card and insert into wire spiral.

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Elegant Easter Garden Topiary

By: Diane D. Flowers for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Bring spring into your home with this beautiful Easter garden topiary. It is easy to make and is a wonderful addition to any garden party, Easter brunch or holiday gathering.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - Balls, one each: 5"; 6"; 8"
 - Vase insert or foam block to fit opening of desired container
- White urn, 11" tall, or container of choice
- Wooden dowel, 24" length
- Ivory artificial flower stems: roses, six; rosebud, one; Queen Anne's lace, four
- Green artificial rose leaf stems, 12
- Dark green reindeer moss, four bags
- Ivory pearl string, 2-1/4 yds.
- Sheer wire-edged ribbon, 2" x 2-1/4 yds. each: ivory; pale yellow; sage green; metallic ivory, 1" x 1-1/3 yds.
- Green floral wire
- Floral pins, 25
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Wooden skewers, three
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

1. Insert wooden skewers into each foam ball. Holding skewer, glue clusters of moss to foam balls, completely covering surface. Place skewers in heavy glass or jar; let dry.
2. Push dowel through center of 8" ball, 6" ball, and lower half of 5" ball, forming topiary. Remove foam balls.
3. Place foam insert snugly into urn. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Trim top of insert as needed to allow large foam ball to rest on urn edges. Glue foam insert into urn. Glue lower 6" of dowel into center of insert; let dry.
4. Apply white glue to dowel. Push 8" ball down dowel until it rests on top of urn. Replace 6" and 5" balls as before. Let dry completely.
5. Drape pearl string twice around 6" ball, securing with floral pins at top of ball. Second draping should be slightly longer than first.
6. Cut three 9" lengths and three 18" lengths from each 2"-wide ribbon. Join one 9" length of each color and fold in half to measure 4-1/2" long; wrap ends together with floral wire. Use floral pin to secure ribbon loop to top of 6" ball. Repeat to make two more ribbon loops. Secure loops, evenly spaced, to 6" ball. Separate loops slightly.
7. Join one 18" ribbon length of each color. Bring ribbon ends to center and fold ribbons in half to measure 4-1/2" long; wrap folded end with floral wire. Use floral pin to secure ribbon loop to bottom of 8" ball. Repeat to make two more ribbon loops. Secure loops, evenly spaced, to 8" ball. Separate loops slightly.
8. Use wire cutters to trim leaf and flower stems to 3" long. Glue and insert alternating roses and Queen Anne's lace, three of each, into top of 8" ball. Glue three rose stems between ribbon loops at top of 6" ball, hiding floral pins. Glue one stem of Queen Anne's lace into top of 5" ball.
9. Pin one rose leaf stem beneath each rose at top of 8" ball so leaves extend downward. Pin two rose leaf stems around each Queen Anne's lace at top of 8" ball. Pin three rose leaf stems around base of Queen Anne's lace at top of 5" ball.
10. Tie 1"-wide ribbon into loopy bow; wrap center with floral wire. Pin bow to one side of Queen Anne's lace at top of topiary. Separate loops slightly.
11. Glue rosebud firmly into center of Queen Anne's lace at top of 5" ball. Glue small pieces of moss to topiary to hide floral pins.

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Dandy Daisies Easter Table Setting

By: Suzie Shinseki, courtesy of Duncan Enterprises

Use Tulip fabric paint to create this bright and colorful Easter table setting. The warm springtime pastels and floral patterns make this a great way to decorate your table for the whole season!



Materials:

- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™
 - Petal Pink
 - Azalea
 - Lime
 - Periwinkle
 - Royal Blue
 - Yellow
 - Grape
 - Ebony
- Tulip® Fashion Bead Paint™
 - Gold
 - White
- NAPKIN:

- Pastel colored fabric, 1 yard each: yellow, pink, lavender, green
- Black ribbon, approximately 3 yards
- PLACEMAT:
 - White canvas fabric, approximately 3 yards
- TABLE RUNNER:
 - Black canvas fabric, approximately 2 – 2½ yards
 - Black tassels
 - White canvas fabric, approximately 1½ yards
 - Sewing machine
 - Threads: pink, green, yellow, blue and black
 - Scissors
 - Brush 6" round, No. 4 Liner brush
 - Yardstick
 - Transfer paper, dark
 - Chalk pencil

Steps:

For best results, please read all instructions before beginning project. Refer to photo for color and design placement.

NAPKINS:

1. Cut each color of pastel fabrics into 19" x 19" squares.
2. Fold each edge over ¼" and then another ¼", then press. Sew all four sides.
3. Place pattern under each napkin and trace daisy on one corner.
4. On a piece of foil, pour puddle of Petal Pink and small amount of Azalea and Lime. Paint flower petals on yellow napkin with Petal Pink, leaving center yellow. Mix some Azalea into the Pink to create a darker shade for shadowing between the inner and outer petals and detailing inside each petal with No. 4 Liner brush.
5. With Liner brush, feather out some short, soft Lime lines on the outside of the yellow center.
6. Make small dots in center with the White Fashion Bead Paint™.
7. For remaining napkins, repeat steps with the following colors:

Pink napkin: Periwinkle daisy with Grape to shade and separate petals. Paint very center Ebony and outer center Grape. Dot center with Gold and White Fashion Bead Paint™.

Lavender napkin: Royal Blue daisy with Ebony in very center and Grape on outer center. Use a little Ebony to darken the Royal Blue for petal separation and detail. Dot center with Gold and

White Fashion Bead Paint™.

Green napkin: Sunshine Yellow daisy with Ebony in very center and Mandarin Orange on outer area of center. Use orange to detail petals.

Yellow napkin: Petal Pink daisy with Petal Pink darkened with Azalea for shadow and detailing. Lightly make short strokes of Lime around outer part of center and leave center yellow. Dot center with White Fashion Bead Paint™.

Cut an approximately 25" length of black ribbon for each napkin to make tie.

TABLE RUNNER:

1. Cut two 60" x 15" lengths of black canvas. Mark center on both ends and measure 8" from ends on both sides. Draw a line with pencil chalk from the 8" mark to the bottom center mark to make a "v". Repeat on other side and cut both lengths the same.
2. Fold all raw ends ½" under and press. Place both pieces of canvas together, fit tassels in both ends and stitch to make runner.
3. Cut three 12" squares from white canvas. Fray the edges.
4. Transfer daisy onto all three pieces by placing transfer paper onto fabric and under pattern and tracing over lines.
5. Paint a Periwinkle daisy on one square using Grape to shadow and detail. Paint very center Ebony with darkened Grape on outer circle blending into the petals. Paint Royal Blue dots in center along with Gold Fashion Bead Paint™. Paint remainder of white canvas with Lime blended with Sunshine Yellow.
6. Paint a Yellow daisy on the second square using a mixture of Azalea and Yellow for shadow and detailing. Paint very center Ebony with Azalea brushed around outer center and blending into the petals. Make Gold and White dots in center. Paint background with Lime and a touch of Yellow.
7. Paint third square daisy Petal Pink with a mixture of Grape and Azalea for shadowing and detailing. Paint very center Ebony with Lime around outer center blending into the petals. Dot center with Gold Bead paint. Paint background Lime and Yellow. Let dry.
8. Glue or heat press blue crystals in center of Periwinkle daisy, clear crystals in center of the Yellow daisy and pink crystals in the middle of the Pink daisy.
9. Apply glue to backs of each daisy square, center and attach to runner.

PLACEMATS:

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1. Measure and cut eight 12¼" x 19¼" pieces from white canvas. Fold under ¼" on all raw edges and press. Match two sections back to back and stitch together with approximately 1/8" seam.
2. Enlarge pattern to cover entire mat (refer to picture). Transfer pattern to fabric by placing transfer paper on fabric and under pattern and tracing over pattern. Transfer pattern onto all four placemats.
3. Paint each with different colors, applying shadowing and detailing as in previous daisy paintings on napkin and runner. Refer to picture for colors and finish off center with Fashion Bead Paint™ and crystals.

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Easter Chick Craft Projects

Brassy Barnyard Bird

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

With her felt wings on hips, brassy barnyard bird keeps her busy brood in line; feathers, eyelashes and rosy cheeks complete the attitude.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products: Eggs: 5-7/8" x 3-7/8"; 2-1/2"; two 1-1/2", Ball, 3"
- Wooden dowel, 1/2" x 10"
- Buttons, 5/16", two black
- Doll's eyelashes
- Craft foam, green
- Ribbon, 1/4" x 12", orange
- Acrylic craft paint: yellow, brown
- Felt: square, yellow; scraps, pink and orange
- Feathers, yellow
- Serrated knife
- Old candle
- Craft knife with a sharp blade
- Paintbrush
- Sharp pencil
- Putty knife, 1" or thin edged table knife
- Thick white craft glue, Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

Steps:

1. Flatten wide end of large egg against a tabletop so egg will stand. Make a wide hole in bottom of foam ball using pencil; twist hole onto narrow end of egg until ball and egg fit together snugly.

Glue together using low temperature glue.

2. Paint body and two, 1-1/2" balls yellow; let dry.
3. Wax serrated knife with old candle; cut 2-1/2" egg in half lengthwise, forming feet. Using craft knife, cut two small wedges in narrow end of each half egg, forming "toes" (refer to photo). Paint feet brown; let dry.
4. Cut wooden dowel into four, 2-1/2" lengths. Using craft knife or utility knife, whittle ends to a point. Paint dowels brown; let dry.
5. Using patterns, cut wings and tail from yellow felt. Cut beak from orange felt. Cut two 1/2" circles from pink felt.
6. Using craft knife, make a small, horizontal slit in face for beak. Make slightly angled slits in the sides of the body for the wings and cut a single vertical slit in the back for the tail. Place a bead of white craft glue on each slit and then insert felt pieces; if needed, use putty knife or sharp table knife to insert felt into slit.
7. Using sharp pencil, make a hole toward back of each foot; place a generous dot of white craft glue into the hole and gently twist the point of a dowel into each hole, about 1/2" deep. Make a hole in the bottom of each 1-1/2" ball; place a generous dot of glue into each hole and gently twist the top of each lower leg dowel into holes, connecting foot to knee.
8. Make holes, slightly off center, in the tops of the knee balls; gently twist remaining dowels into each hole.
9. Make leg holes in the base of the large egg; insert legs, angled slightly in - do not glue. Test to see if chick will stand; if not, adjust angle of dowel slightly. Glue legs in place.
10. Cut a free-form base from green craft foam. Using low temperature glue, glue chick to base.
11. Using white glue, glue bits of yellow feather on either side of tail, on end of each wing, around neck, around the top of each leg and at the top of the head.
12. Glue on button eyes with low temperature glue. Glue on felt cheeks with white craft glue. Glue small strip of eyelash above each eye.
13. Tie ribbon in a bow; glue to neck. Arrange wings; felt will stick to foam, so wings can be posed in different positions.

For pattern, click [here](#).

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Painted Easter Egg Chick

By: DecoArt

For a cute variation on traditional painted Easter eggs, paint one to look like a little baby chick with a bit of glitter.



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Acrylics

- DAO6 - Pineapple
- DA228 - Bright Orange

Americana Writers

- DAW67 - Black

Americana Brushes

- DBR2002-B - Round 2

Multi-Purpose Sealer

- DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer

Glamour Dust

- DAS37 - Glamour Dust Crystal

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- Two 1" unfinished wood hearts
- Two 12" 15-mm yellow chenille stems
- Wire cutters or old scissors
- Lo-temp glue gun
- Foam plate
- 1/4" flat brush
- 2.5" papier mache egg

Instructions:

1. Basecoat egg with flat brush and Pineapple; let dry after each coat.
2. Basecoat wood hearts Bright Orange and let dry.
3. Apply coat of Multi-Purpose Sealer over Pineapple egg and Bright Orange hearts. While wet, sprinkle all with Glamour Dust; let dry.
4. For feet, refer to photo for placement and glue hearts to bottom of egg as base.
5. Referring to photo for placement, use round brush and Bright Orange to paint inverted triangle for beak shape. Let dry.
6. Use Black Americana Writer to paint dots for eyes; let dry.
7. For wings, cut one chenille stem in half. Bend each piece in half, with fold curved to shape wing and ends twisted together. Glue ends of wing to each side of chick.
8. For tail, fold chenille stem in half, then pull fold toward loose ends to make thin, elongated heart. Twist loose ends together and glue to back of chick.

Needlefelted Chick

By: Rebekah Meier for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Soft wool, whimsical wire, and perky details make this little cheeper a keeper! Needle felting on foam is easy to master and just perfect for cuddly characters.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Ball, 1"
 - Egg, 3"
- Lavender wool felt, 9" x 12" sheet
- Light yellow wool fiber (roving)
- Black acrylic paint
- Orange card stock scrap
- Grosgrain ribbon, 1/4" x 1/2 yd.
- Green floral wire, 22 gauge
- Cosmetic blush
- Cotton-tipped swab
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Compass
- Wooden toothpicks
- Scissors
- Needle felting tool
- Wire cutters
- Ball-head straight pins, two
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks

- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

Note: Felting needles are extremely sharp; use caution. The higher the needle number, the finer the needle and the smaller the hole left in the project. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

1. Position foam ball on top of foam egg at slight angle, as shown in photo. Use toothpicks and glue to secure head to body.
2. Place small amount of wool fiber against chick and attach to surface using felting needle; follow manufacturer instructions to ensure safety. Continue felting fiber to foam until completely covered. Loosely felt additional fiber to body for fluffy wings and tail.
3. Bend floral wire into webbed foot shape as shown in photo, continuing shape up into twisted-wire legs; trim excess. Repeat for second leg. Insert legs into bottom of chick, making sure chick can stand. Glue legs into foam to secure.
4. Dip ball-head pins into black paint and let dry. Insert into head for eyes. Cut diamond shape from card stock; fold in half and glue to face for beak.
5. Cut 1" x 6" strip from lavender felt and roll into tight cylinder. Trace one end onto felt and cut out; glue to top of cylinder. Cut 3/4" circle from felt; glue to bottom of hat for brim. Glue hat to head.
6. Tie ribbon bow around neck; trim ends. Use cotton swab to blush cheeks.

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Easter Chick Basket

By: Debi Schmitz for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Your child will be the hit of the Easter egg hunt with this colorful basket adorned with a bright yellow chick. It's also a perfect holiday centerpiece or decoration. Thanks to STYROFOAM Brand Products, creating this animated basket is hop, skip and a jump down the bunny trail. For easier assembly, read our tips first and then follow the step-by-step instructions.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - 1- 6" ball
 - 1- 4" ball
 - 1- 5-quart plastic bucket
- Felt:
 - 1-1/2 yd. yellow
 - 1-1/2 yd. lavender
 - 1-2/3 yd. plum
 - 1-1/8 yd. orange
- 1- pair 25mm wiggly eyes
- 1- bag of yellow feathers
- 1-1/4 yd. print fabric
- 1- large silk flower
- 12- clothespins
- Wire:
 - 1- 18" 16-gauge stem wire
 - 7- stems 26-gauge wire
- Easter grass
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- Glue gun and glue sticks or white tacky craft glue

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. Cut (6) 2" x 36" strips of lavender felt. Cut (2) 2" x 36" and (1) 3" x 36" strips of plum felt.
2. Turn bucket upside down. Center one lavender strip on bucket bottom; pin ends of felt strip to bucket brim with clothespins. Glue strip to bucket at center point. Repeat with second lavender strip, making a cross on the bottom of the bucket. Glue remaining lavender strips to bottom of bucket like spokes on a wheel; pin ends to bucket brim; carefully glue together strips where they overlap on bottom of the bucket.
3. Weave (1) 2" plum strip around bottom edge of bucket. Begin and end weaving under same lavender strip, securing with glue. Weave another 2" strip above the first, forming a checkerboard pattern.
4. Finish weaving with the 3" strip of plum felt. Fold excess felt over brim and glue in place. Trim ends of strips to 3"; glue ends to inside.
5. Center and glue a 9" circle of plum felt inside bucket. Glue a 6 1/2" x 28" strip of plum felt around the inside of the bucket, securing top edge neatly.
6. For chick body, cut 6" ball in half. Lay half of ball, rounded side down, on center of a 10" yellow felt square. Stretch and tightly pull felt up and around half ball; glue in place. Cut excess felt off back of ball.
7. For head, bend one end of 6" length of 16-gauge wire into hook shape. Glue end of hook and insert it 1 1/2" deep into 4" ball. Place ball on center of 14" yellow felt square; gather and stretch felt tightly around ball to wire. Tightly twist 2 strands of 26-gauge wire around felt and stem wire; cut excess felt to 2" past wire. Glue a 1" x 7" strip of yellow felt around the neck of the chick to cover wire twist.
8. Poke a small hole close to the edge of the chick body. Glue and insert the head stem into the body, opening the gathered edge at the neck and pressing the head onto the body securely.
9. From yellow felt, cut (2) large feathers (pattern A), (2) small feathers (pattern B), and (2) eyelids (pattern C). Fold the large feathers over slightly as indicated by dotted line on pattern A; glue onto back of body (see photo). Glue body to basket front. Glue gathered edge at back of neck to basket brim. Slightly overlap small feathers and glue on chick's chest.
10. Cut (4) feet (pattern D) and a 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" beak from orange felt. Stack 2 feet together and glue; repeat with remaining feet. Glue feet to bottom of the body (see photo).
11. Fold beak in half diagonally and glue to head. Glue wiggle eyes and eyelids in place.

12. Cut (2) 2" x 24" strips of fabric. Tie one strip around neck in a bow; glue silk flower to center of bow. Tie second bows to basket handle.
13. Glue feathers between the layers of large felt feathers and around neck. Poke a small hole on top of the head; glue and insert 3 feathers. Fill basket with Easter grass.

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Guest Photo Tutorial: Easter Pom-Pom Chicks

By: Kerstin of Chimera and Duckyknits

You can't help but smile at these adorable balls of yellow wool turned into chirping Easter chicks. Fill a basket with them for silly fun Easter decor. [Kerstin](#), who sells amazing needle-felted creations, custom dyed roving and handspun yarn in her [Etsy shop](#), walks us through this photo tutorial to turn yellow wool roving into pom pom chicks.



Materials:

- yellow wool roving-1 ounce will make 3 chicks
- orange felt-just a tiny scrap for the beak
- black beads -I used size E glass seed beads
- pom pom maker-or use the instructions below to make using cardboard circles
- strong string-I used cotton rug warp-you can use thick embroidery cotton or heavy string.
- sharp scissors
- thread and needle that will fit through your beads.

Steps:

1. The first step is to prepare the roving. Split the roving lengthwise into half inch wide strips.



2. Begin to make a pom pom by wrapping the roving around the pom maker. Instructions for making a pom pom using cardboard are at the bottom of the page following the chick instructions.



3. When the pom pom maker is fairly full, close both side together and cut down the center of the fibers all around the circle



4. Cut about a 2 ft length of string and wrap around center of the pom pom, pull tightly (not so tight you snap the string) and tie a double knot, bring threads around to other side and tie another double knot. Snip off extra string close to center of pom pom.



5. Open the pom maker to release the pom pom.



6. Now you will begin trimming and shaping the pom pom. Decide which way will be up, and shear some fiber off the bottom so the chick will sit nicely. Shear off about 1/2 of fiber off the top of the chick, tapering the top to be smaller at the head.



7. You should end up with a shape something like this:



8. And you will end up with a big pile of yellow fluff like this. You can save this to use as stuffing in another project or for a wet felting project....or maybe put it out for the birds to use for nesting this spring!



9. Thread needle with black thread and knot the end. Insert the needle in the bottom of the chick and go through the center and come out at the first eye position. Sew first bead on. Then go through the bottom of the chick again and come up at the other eye position to sew on the second eye. Insert needle through bottom and center of chick and come out at beak position.



10. Cut a diamond shape out of orange felt.



11. Make one stitch in center of diamond, fold piece in half to form beak shape and stitch firmly in place below the eyes. You may need to open out the fluff of the pom pom to position it in between the fibers correctly.



12. The eyes and beak will be hard to see.



13. They seem to have sunk into the fluff, so now you need to clip the fibers around the eyes and beak so they can be seen.



14. "Cheep Cheep!"



15. If you do not have a nifty pom pom maker you can easily make pom poms just using cardboard. Cut two donut shapes out of cardboard. I just traced around my spool of twine for the outside and a spool of thread for the inside circle. No need to cut these out perfectly as they will just get thrown out in a few minutes.



16. Hold the two cardboard circles together and wrap roving around the outside edges so you get a nice thick layer all around.



17. Clip the fibers in between the two pieces of cardboard all around the circle.



18. Tie the fibers together in the center with strong string, using a double knot.



19. Cut away the cardboard and fluff up your pom pom.



20. Trim and finish the same way you would using the pom pom maker.



Cheery Easter Chick

By: Paula Bales for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Say goodbye winter and hello spring with this delightful Easter chick. From her curly wire head feathers to the sparkling eggs at her feet, she's just as sweet as can be.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - 6" x 1" disc, one
 - 4" snowball, one
 - 2" ball, one
 - 9" x 1-1/4" x 3/4" wreath, one
 - 2-1/2" x 1-7/8" eggs, three
- Acrylic paints: berry red, black, orange, pastel pink, regency blue, spring green, too blue, white, yellow
- Sparkle waterbase varnish
- Paintbrushes: 5/8" glaze; Nos. 2 and 10 shader; No. 3 round
- Cotton fabric, spring print, 13" x 2" strip
- Wooden ball knobs, 5/8", two
- 22-gauge yellow plastic-coated wire
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Glues: low-temp glue gun and glue sticks; white craft
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Wire cutters

- Fine-line black permanent marking pen
- Paper towels
- Disposable palette

Steps:

1. Paint foam disc (head) and wreath (body) yellow. Let dry.
2. Wax serrated knife with a candle stub or paraffin. Use knife to cut 4" ball in half. (Note: Reserve one half for a future project.) Cut remaining half ball in half again. Using photo as guide, make two indentations in rounded side of each piece to form the webbed feet.
3. Cut 2" ball in equal quarters. Using photo as a guide, press one piece on a rigid surface to round the edges and shape into a triangular beak. (Note: Reserve remaining three quarters for a future project.)
4. Paint webbed feet and beak orange. Paint wooden knobs black for eyes. Let dry.
5. Glue eyes close together to head with beak centered just below. Paint a white dot highlight on each eye. Paint cheeks orange, let dry, and then brush over them with sparkle varnish.
6. Draw eyebrows and mouth on chick with black marking pen.
7. Cut 13 assorted lengths of yellow wire. Wrap each wire one at a time around a paintbrush handle to curl and then remove. Glue and insert wire curls into center top of head to resemble a tuft of feathers.
8. Basecoat eggs spring green, too blue, and berry red. Let dry. To paint dots on eggs, press paintbrush handle into foam to form a shallow indentation and then dot with paint. On the green egg, paint regency blue dots in clusters of three. Fill in with single berry red dots. On the blue egg, paint single white dots and yellow pinstripes. On the red egg, paint pastel pink flowers with yellow centers and spring green leaves. Let dry.
9. Apply a coat of sparkle glaze to each egg. Let dry.
10. Use photo as a guide to assemble chick. Glue head to body, overlapping top; glue webbed feet side by side to bottom of body. Arrange and glue eggs to chick's body and feet.
11. Tie fabric strip in a bow and glue off center to bottom of head.

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Cheeky Little Chick

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Hatch some springtime smiles when you perch this perky pal on your Easter table. Fun little details make this cheeky charmer something to chirp about.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - Cone, 9" x 4"
 - Ball, 3"
 - Egg, 2-1/2"
- Pre-mixed latex spackling
- Acrylic paints: orange; yellow
- Craft foam, 2mm thick: yellow, 9" x 11"; orange scrap
- Yellow down feathers
- Black half-round beads, 6mm, two
- Sheer wire-edged ribbon, color of choice, 1/2" x 1/2 yd.
- Ribbon flower, color of choice, 1/2" across
- Wooden dowel, 1/4", 12" length
- Pink powdered cosmetic blush
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wooden skewers, three
- Fine-grain sandpaper
- Kitchen utensils: 1/2 c. measuring cup; teaspoon; small bowl
- Paintbrushes: medium flat; stiff bristle
- Disposable palette
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Cotton-tip swab

- Scissors
- Craft knife
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut small slice from bottom of foam ball (head). Cut foam egg in half lengthwise. Cut two small wedges from narrow end of each egg half, making three "claws" on each foot.
2. Mark a line around foam cone 4-1/2" from base; cut cone on line. Note: Lower section will be chick's body; reserve upper section for another project. Tightly twist and glue head to top of body.
3. Use craft knife to cut dowel in half (legs); set aside. Insert wooden skewers into bottom of each foot and body.
4. In small bowl, mix 1/2 c. spackling with a few teaspoons water to consistency of smooth yogurt. Holding skewer, use paintbrush to apply thin, even layer of spackling over entire surface of chick. Place skewer in heavy glass or jar; let dry. Lightly sand spackling. Apply second coat of spackling and let dry; sand very smooth.
5. Holding skewer, use flat brush to paint chick yellow and legs orange. Use bristle brush to paint feet orange. Place skewers in heavy glass or jar; let dry.
6. Cut patterns from craft foam as indicated. Glue bottom edge of tail to bottom back of body. Glue top of wings around chick's neck, reversing one wing as shown in photo.
7. Use craft knife to score center of beak along dotted line shown on pattern; do not cut all the way through. Fold beak in half. Glue beak and bead eyes to face. Use cotton-tip swab to apply blush to cheeks.
8. Glue one end of legs into feet. Use sharp pencil point to poke holes on either side of body for legs, 1/2" above base. Glue legs into holes. Position feet and legs as desired; let dry.
9. Glue feathers to head, neck, and tops of legs. Tie ribbon into bow around neck. Glue flower to center of bow.

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Easter Crafts for Kids

Foam Egg Magnet

By: Amy Law for Kreinik

This quick and easy egg magnet project is great to do with your kids for Easter.



Materials:

- Blue & Yellow Fun Foam- Westrim
- Magnet backing sheet
- Fiskars paper edgers- wide scallop
- 4x6 Treasure Tape Sheet
- Diamond Beadlets
- Mrs. K's Dimensional Threads: Gold Braid Assortment, Light Blue Ribbon Assortment

Steps:

1. Using a template, trace an egg shape onto the white backer side of your tape. Cut out the egg. Peel back the white backer and apply the egg shape to your foam and press out from the center with your fingers, to smooth out any air bubbles.
2. Cut out the shape. Peel back the white liner on the remaining part of your tape sheet and place your foam shape, foam side down, on the tape. Cut out the egg shape again. Now you have an egg shape with tape on both sides. Peel the liner off one side of your shape, and place it on your magnet sheet. Cut out the egg again.
3. Peel the red liner off your heart shape and begin to embellish. Use the paper edgers to make scalloped strips of yellow foam. Using their edges as a guide, create stripes in blue and yellow.

Finish with zigzag or loop designs.

4. When finished embellishing, use your red liner to press all threads firmly into the tape. Place your egg in a tray or ziploc bag and pour Diamond Beadlets over the exposed tape. Swirl with your fingers to cover fully. Tap to remove excess beadlets.

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or www.kreinik.com.

Easter Wreath Kids Craft Ideas

By: The Editors of FaveCrafts.com

Use these quick and easy tips to create a decorative Easter wreath with your kids.

Easter Wreath Tips for using a recycled grapevine wreath

- Buy several packages of plastic colored Easter eggs (usually available at the Dollar Store or a store like Target or Wal-Mart). Hot glue gun the eggs all around the wreath for a colorful decoration.
- Do the same as above using plastic flowers. You can also string ribbon throughout the vines for a fancier look.

An Easter Wreath Project for Kids

1. Take an old wire hanger and stretch the bottom until the entire thing is round.
2. Use 14-16 cardboard toilet paper rolls and cut a slit halfway through each one in the middle.
3. Have the kids paint each of the paper rolls (pastel colors work well for this). Attach the paper rolls to the wire hanger through the slits.
4. Create and cut out paper plain paper Easter egg designs (you may be able to find a good template to print out online)
5. Have the kids use crayons, paint or markers to color and decorate the paper eggs.
6. When you have enough eggs to go around your wreath, glue them on top of the toilet paper rolls, allowing them each to overlap slightly.
7. Make a ribbon bow and tie it to the top of the hanger so it does not show.

Enjoy!

Easter Egg Factory

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Grab the kids and some STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam to build this fun Easter version of a gingerbread house. Flip it around and follow our quick and easy instruction on how to create bunny workers and decorate the factory interior.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - Sheets: 3- 12" x 18" x 1/2"; 1- 12" x 18" x 1"
 - 2- Four-pane dollhouse windows
 - Balsa wood: 1- 3/8" x 3" x 5 1/2" for door
 - 1" x 1/16" x 65" for outside door trim and inside trim
 - 1- 3/8" x 1/2" x 24" for fence posts
 - 1- 3/16" x 3/16" x 51" for fence
- Acrylic craft paint: light blue, pale yellow, white, light pink, Kelly green
- 4 cups of mini jelly beans
- Icing flower cake decorations
- Acrylic spackling
- 33 Craft sticks
- 1 White eyelet, 1" x 60" length
- Toothpicks
- Masking tape
- Utility knife with new blade
- Utility scissors and/or knippers
- T-square
- Scissors
- Paint brush
- Thick, white craft glue
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

Note: See "Small Bunnies" and "Decorating the Inside" for additional materials.

1. Following patterns, cut out the sides, front and roof of the house using utility knife and T-square; take care to keep edges as straight as possible. Glue side walls to inside of front wall using glue and toothpicks between pieces; snap toothpicks in half first, and insert carefully between pieces, making sure they don't poke through the sides. Glue the smaller roof section at a 90° angle against the inside surface of the larger roof piece; do not glue roof to house - it will be easier to work inside the house when the roof is not attached.
2. Cut the balsa wood as follows:
 - a. Door: 3/8" x 3" x 5 1/2"
 - b. Outside door trim: two 5 1/2" strips; one 3 1/2" strip
 - c. Inside baseboards: two each 8", 5 3/4" and 1 1/2" strips
 - d. Inside door trim: two each 5 1/2" and 3 1/2" strips
 - e. Fence posts: six 3 1/2" strips
 - f. Fence railing: two each 8 1/4" and 4 1/4" strips; four 7 1/2" strips
3. Paint the following:
 - a. Outside of house, blue
 - b. Inside of house and roof, yellow
 - c. Windows, white
 - d. Door, pink
 - e. Inside baseboards and inside door trim, green
 - f. Outside door trim, white
4. When paint is dry, glue wood trim in place.
5. Using low temperature glue, glue jellybeans onto roof in variegated pattern. Glue one row along edges of roof.
6. Glue house to the 1" foam sheet. Do not glue roof in place.
7. Fence: To make fence pickets, snip off rounded ends from craft sticks; trim to 2 3/4" length and shape a point on one end. Tape down fence railings 1 1/4" apart; add pickets with white craft glue. When dry, hot glue fence posts to picket strips. Make holes for fence posts in foam base, but do not yet glue fence in place.
8. Tint 1 cup of acrylic spackling with green paint to make "grass". Spread spackling over base, including fence postholes. While spackling is still soft, push fence posts into place. Add flower cake decorations to create "garden". Create a walkway to the front door by making a path with jellybeans. Add sign to door (optional): "Egg Factory. Open Daily 5 a.m. - 5 p.m. Major Credit Cards and Carrots Accepted."

9. Glue white eyelet around base.

Small Bunnies



Materials:

Materials listed are for one bunny, but you may find that you need to make a lot more to help decorate all of those eggs!

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - 1- 2-3/8" egg
 - 1- 1 1/2" ball
 - 1- 1" ball
- 2- 4.5mm Shank eyes
- 1 Pom pom, 3/16" pink
- Felt, scrap white
- Quilt thread, gray
- Blush
- White glitter
- Serrated knife
- Pencil
- Wooden skewer
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. Using serrated knife, cut a thin, lengthwise slice from foam egg so it will sit flat; this is the bunny's body. (Refer to Diagram A.) Cut a thin slice from the narrow end of the egg; rub the 1 1/2" ball against narrow end of egg until it fits snugly. Glue ball in place; this is the bunny's head. (Hint: For smoother cuts, wax the knife blade with an old candle.)
2. Cut the 1" ball in half; glue one half to wide end of egg for tail.
3. Press in sides of head, shaping a gentle point for the nose. Shape the haunches by outlining the haunch area with a pencil; press and shape around the outline so the leg appears to stand out. (Diagram B.)
4. Make a 1/2" cut in either side of head for ears. Press eyes into head; remove and set aside.
5. Insert a wooden skewer into bottom of rabbit to use as a handle. Spread a generous, even layer of glue over rabbit; sprinkle with glitter. Let dry.
6. Using pattern, cut ears from white felt. Push ears into slits on either side of head. Brush a small amount of blush on insides of ears. Glue on eyes. Tie together in the middle four 3" lengths of thread; glue to nose. Glue pom pom over center of whiskers.

Decorating the Inside

Use your imagination to decorate your egg house - from dye vats and chocolate eggs to dollhouse furniture you may already have. Here's how we decorated our house:

1. Table: Glue four balsa legs measuring 2 5/8" x 1/4" x 1/4" to the balsa tabletop measuring 3" x 5" x 3/8".
2. Egg drying rack: Cut three 1" x 5" shelves from 1/2" foam sheet. Cut curved ends from three tongue depressors. Glue together shelves and tongue depressors, creating three stepped shelves; let dry. Cut two 2 1/2" back legs and two 2" front legs from tongue depressors; glue legs to shelves.
3. Wall shelves: Cut two tongue depressors into 4 3/4" lengths. Glue a 4" length of 1/2" square balsa wood to bottom of shelf along back edge. Glue 1/4" balsa supports to wall.
4. Curtains: Use 13" length of 4 1/2" wide lace with eyelet edge. Cut lace strip into four, 3 1/4" x 4 1/2" pieces. Cut two wooden dowels the width of windows; paint dowels and four wooden beads. Thread curtains onto dowels; glue wooden beads to each end. Glue to windows; tie back curtains with narrow ribbons and pin ribbons to wall.
5. Decorated eggs: Roll 1" foam balls to create egg shapes. To make chocolate eggs, cover foam eggs with a thin layer of modeling clay, insert toothpick for easier handling; dip eggs in melted crayons (melt brown crayons over low heat in double boiler). For colored eggs, paint eggs with

acrylic paints. We used 14 eggs in our house.

6. Pails:

a. Big pails: Poke a tiny hole in either side of the top of a clean, restaurant creamer container. Thread a 3" length of thin wire through holes for a handle. Fill pail with acrylic spackling or modeling clay. Paint the filler to make it look like paint and dribble small amount of paint on outside of bucket.

b. Small pails: Hot glue a thin, 2" length of thin wire into top of clean toothpaste cap. Fill with hot glue. Sprinkle cake-decorating jimmies on glue while drying; or, let glue dry and paint to look like paint.

c. Chocolate-filled pail: Pour melted brown crayon wax into plastic medicine cup. When cooled, poke a tiny hole in either side of the top; thread a 3" length of thin wire through holes for a handle.

7. Packages: Cut 1" x 1" blocks from a scrap piece of a foam sheet. Wrap blocks in brown paper. Write on packages: "Rush. Fresh Eggs" or create labels using your computer.

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Easter Rabbit Windsock Craft for Kids

By: The Editors of FaveCrafts.com

Try this simple and fun Easter craft project for kids.

Materials:

- 2 liter bottle (with top and bottom cut off)
- String
- Pastel and white construction paper
- Markers, paints or crayons
- Tissue paper
- Stapler

Steps:

1. Wrap a piece of white construction paper around the cylindrical bottle.
2. Decorate to create a rabbit face using crayons, paint, markers or construction paper cut-outs.
3. Cut a pair of ears out of construction paper. Decorate them and attach to the top of the bottle with the stapler.
4. Cut out long strands of colored tissue paper and staple them to the bottom of the bottle like on a windsock.
5. Staple string to the top of the windsock so it can be hung.

Chenille Bunny

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Sticky, double-sided adhesive sheets and fuzzy yarn make quick work of this cuddly little bunny. Foam shapes are easy to embellish – for kids and adults.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Eggs: 4"; two 2-1/2"
- Fluffy pastel yarn, one skein
- Pom poms: 1-1/2" white; 1/4" pink
- Satin ribbon flower
- Satin ribbon, 1/2" x 1/2 yd.
- Black beads, 1/4", two
- Fishing line (optional)
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Wooden skewer
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Double-sided adhesive strips or sheet
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin; cut thin slice from wide end of 4" foam egg so it will sit flat. Cut thin slices from narrow end of 4" egg and wide end of one 2-1/2" egg; twist flat sides together until snug; glue head to body.
2. Cut remaining foam egg in half lengthwise; cut one half in half lengthwise for ears. Cut thin slice from wide end of each ear at slight angle to fit curve of head. Twist ears against head until snug; glue ears to body.
3. Cut six 3/4" x 3-1/2" pieces from double-sided adhesive. Adhere strips to bunny body from neck to base, spaced evenly around body. Pin at top, center, and bottom for extra hold.
4. Glue and pin one end of yarn to back bottom edge of body. Wrap yarn around body, keeping rows close together for complete coverage. At neck, reverse direction and wrap second layer of yarn back down toward base. Keep yarn rows close together but wrapped a little more loosely for fluffier texture, if desired. Glue and pin yarn end to bottom of bunny.
5. Cut small adhesive pieces and attach to head; cover nose area especially well. Pin tape for extra hold.
6. Glue and pin one end of yarn to back of neck. Wrap yarn around head up to ears in same way as body. At base of ears, wind yarn to front of bunny between ears. Cover area on top of head by winding yarn around base of ears repeatedly. Glue yarn end to secure.
7. Cut small adhesive pieces and attach to front flat side of each ear. Wrap ears with yarn in same way as body. If desired, cover bottom of bunny with yarn in same way as top of head, wrapping yarn in spiral to completely cover foam.
8. Refer to photo to glue bead eyes and pink pom pom nose to face. Glue white pom pom tail to body.
9. Tie satin ribbon around neck. Glue flower to center of bow. If desired, cut three 4" lengths from fishing line for whiskers. Glue center of each line just below nose and pin to secure; when dry, trim to desired length.

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Bunny Shirt for Kids

By: DecoArt

Make the kids "hoppy" this spring with a T-shirt, painted with a cute bunny in glittery paint.



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Brushes

- DBL1002-B - Liner 2
- DBF3012-B - Shader 12

SoSoft Fabric Acrylics

- DSS1 - White
- DSS24 - Lamp Black
- DSS57 - Baby Pink Deep

SoSoft Fashion Sequins Writer

- SFS05C - Pink Spritz
- SFS08C - Blue Glitz

Supplies

- [Pattern here](#)
- Tracing paper
- Transfer pen

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- Iron with low-heat setting
- Shirtboard or cardboard covered with plastic wrap
- Foam plate
- Water container
- Masking tape or T-pins
- 100% cotton blend T-shirt in color of your choice

Instructions:

Wash and dry shirt without fabric softeners before painting. Insert shirtboard or covered cardboard to prevent paint bleeding through shirt. Secure with masking tape or T-pins. Draw your bunny design onto tracing paper. Flip over pencil-traced design and outline with transfer pen. Position design and transfer pen-side down onto fabric with iron using low-heat setting. Carefully lift paper to reveal design.

1. Using 12 shader brush, fill in bunny ears and nose with Baby Pink Deep. Let dry.
2. Fill in rest of areas, excluding eyes, with White. Let dry.
3. Use Pink Spritz Fashion Sequins to fill in over top of Baby Pink Deep ears and nose. Use Blue Glitz to fill inside eyes. Let dry.
4. Using liner brush, outline head and eyes with Lamp Black. Let dry.

Easter Stocking Chicks and Bunnies

By: Lee Lindeman for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

This collection of Easter stocking chicks and bunnies is a snap to create, makes a great Easter decoration or kids Easter basket item.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - 1 Egg, 2 1/2" x 1 7/8" (bunny)
 - 1 Ball, 2" (chick)
- 1 pair of baby socks, 0 - 18 mos., white, pink and pastel for bunny; white and pastel yellow for chick
- Stiff paper
- Needle and thread, coordinating color
- 1 pair of 5 mm eyes per animal, black half-round
- Whiskers
- Paint brush, fine line No. 3
- Acrylic craft paint: black, pink
- Blush
- Thin cord (hangers)
- Floral wire
- Feathers, yellow downy
- Foamie sheet, yellow scrap
- Accessories: Straw hats, ribbon, bows, silk flowers, buttons
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

Bunny

1. Place narrow end of egg into toe of white sock; pull sock tightly around egg, and gather with wire. Cut off excess sock; save scrap for ears. Glue cut ends to egg.
2. Trace pastel baby sock onto stiff paper; cut out. Insert in sock; turn down sock cuff. Glue wide end of egg into sock.
3. Layer piece of white sock and pink sock, right sides together. Trace around ear pattern; sew around outside edge. Trim excess fabric and turn right side out. Fold bottom of ear together; secure with thread. Cut tiny slit in rabbit's head for ears. Insert ears using tip of scissors; glue.
4. Using pattern, cut small pink circle for nose; gather edges with running stitch and pull tightly. Glue nose to face. Glue on eyes. Paint on nose and mouth; glue on whiskers; blush cheeks. Add hanger.
5. Embellish with hat, bows, ribbon flowers, or other accessories.

Chick

1. Cover head, following Step 1 above, using 2" ball and pastel yellow sock.
2. Follow Step 2 above, using a white baby sock. Glue head in sock.
3. Poke a small hole at top of head; insert and glue feathers. Using pattern, cut beak from yellow foam sheet; fold and glue to face. Paint on eyes; blush cheeks.
4. Embellish with bows, ribbon flowers or other accessories.

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Easter Egg Spread

This creamy eggs salad is perfect for your Easter brunch.

Ingredients

- 1 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 2 1/2 Tbs. Half & Half, cream or milk
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. curry powder
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped

Directions

In small bowl, beat cream cheese and Half & Half until smooth. Add seasonings; beat until blended. Stir in eggs; cover and chill to blend flavors. Spread on crackers or cocktail rye bread as an appetizer. Use as a sandwich filling or as a stuffing for tomatoes or celery sticks.

Yield: 1 1/3 cups

Italian Braided Easter Bread

This gorgeous bread is twisted into a wreath worthy of your Easter table. A beautiful, edible centerpiece.

Ingredients

2 1/4-3 1/4 C. flour
1/4 C. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 pkg. rapid-rise dry yeast
2 eggs, beaten
2/3 C. warm milk
2 Tbs. butter, melted
1 Tbs. anise seed
1/2 C. candied fruit (optional)
1/4 C. chopped nuts (optional)
5 raw colored eggs

Directions

Combine 1 C. of the flour, sugar, salt, and yeast. Add dry mixture to the milk and melted butter mixture, along with the eggs. Beat with a mixer for 2 minutes. Stir in enough of the remaining flour and the anise seed plus any of the candied fruit or nuts to make a soft dough. Knead for 8-10 minutes. Add flour as necessary so dough is not sticky. Let rise for about 1-1 1/2 hour or until double in size.

Divide dough in half. Roll each piece into 24" rope. Overlap dough over itself (twist 2 pieces together) connecting the 4 end pieces to form a wreath. place on greased baking sheet. Place the five raw colored eggs into spaces between twists. Brush with melted butter. Let rise for 1 hour. Bake at 350 for 35-50 minutes.

Easter Ham Pie

Spinach, cheeses and fresh basil make this the perfect pie for your Easter table.

Ingredients

2 9" pastry crusts
8 oz. thin sliced ham
5 oz. frozen spinach, thawed
3 eggs at room temperature
2 C. shredded Mozzarella cheese
15 oz. Ricotta cheese
1 small red bell pepper, thinly sliced
1 Tbs. olive oil
1 Tbs. chopped basil leaves
Lemon pepper to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line pie pan with 1 crust. Sauté peppers and ham in olive oil for 3 minutes and season with pepper. Whisk 2 eggs and ricotta in large bowl. Spread mixture into pie crust. On paper towels, pat spinach dry - then scatter on top of mixture. Sprinkle peppers and ham over spinach and top with mozzarella then basil leaves. Cover with second pie crust and trim edges. Cut vents in top of crust and brush top with 1 beaten egg. Bake 50-60 minutes, or until golden brown. Let set about 15 minutes before serving.

Savory Leg of Lamb and Potatoes

A luxurious dish sure to please.

Ingredients

2 large lemons, zest of 1 removed in strips with peeler

1/4 C. fresh rosemary leaves

3 large garlic cloves

2 Tbs. olive oil

2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

1/2 tsp. salt

7 lb. leg of lamb

2 1/2 lb. small red potatoes

3 Tbs. minced fresh chives

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut off and discard pith from zested lemon and other lemon. In a saucepan of boiling water blanch zest 1 minute and drain in a colander. Cut each lemon crosswise into 6 slices. In a small food processor blend rosemary, garlic, zest, 1 Tbs. oil, lemon juice, and salt until mixture is chopped fine. With tip of a small sharp knife cut small slits all over lamb and rub rosemary mixture over lamb, rubbing into slits. Arrange lemon slices in middle of a large roasting pan and arrange lamb on them. Roast lamb in middle of oven for 45 minutes. Quarter potatoes and in a saucepan cover with salted cold water by 1". Bring water to a boil and cook potatoes, covered, 5 minutes. Drain potatoes in colander and in a bowl toss with remaining Tbs. oil. Arrange potatoes around lamb and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Roast lamb and potatoes, stirring potatoes occasionally, 55 minutes, or until meat thermometer registers 140 degrees for medium-rare. Transfer lamb to a cutting board and let stand 15 minutes. Increase oven temperature to 450 degrees to roast potatoes and lemons in one layer 5 -10 minutes more, or until golden. Transfer potatoes and lemons with a slotted spoon to bowl and toss with chives. Transfer potato mixture to a platter. Slice thinly across grain and serve with potatoes. Garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs and lemon wedges. Yield: 6 servings

Easter White Lasagna

This cheesy dish has cheddar and gouda cheese mixed with cottage cheese for a creamy lasagna without the heavy red sauce.

Ingredients

- 8 lasagna noodles, uncooked
- 1 1/2 lb. ground round
- 1 C. chopped onion
- 1/2 C. chopped celery
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 C. Half & Half
- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 C. dry white wine
- 2 C. (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 C. (6 oz.) shredded gouda cheese
- 12 oz. small-curd cottage cheese
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 C. (8 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

Cook noodles according to package directions, drain and set aside. Cook ground beef and the next 3 ingredients in a large skillet, stirring until meat crumbles, drain. Stir in basil and next 5 ingredients. Stir in wine and cheddar and gouda cheeses; cook, stirring constantly until cheeses melt. Set aside.

Combine cottage cheese and egg, set aside. Arrange half of noodles in a lightly greased 13x9x2-inch baking dish, top with half each of meat mixture, cottage cheese mixture and mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers with remaining meat mixture, cottage cheese mixture and mozzarella cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Easter Egg Potatoes

These delicious potatoes feature fresh Gouda cheese, chives, and hard-boiled eggs.

Ingredients

8 small baking potatoes (about 4 oz. each) or 4 large baking potatoes (about 8 oz. each)

Shortening (optional)

1/2 C. light dairy sour cream or plain yogurt

2 oz. Gouda cheese, shredded (1/2 C.)

2 Tbs. snipped fresh chives

2 tsp. Dijon-style mustard

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

Milk (optional)

2 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and coarsely chopped

Whole fresh chives (optional)

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F or 350 degrees F. Scrub potatoes with a brush; pat dry. Prick potatoes in 2 or 3 places with a fork. (If desired, for softer skins, rub potatoes with shortening or wrap each in foil.) Place potatoes in a shallow baking pan. Bake potatoes, uncovered, in a 425 degree F oven for 40 to 50 minutes for small potatoes or 60 to 70 minutes for large potatoes (or in a 350 degree F oven for 60 to 70 minutes for small potatoes or 80 to 90 minutes for large potatoes) or until tender. Remove from oven; cool slightly for easier handling. For small potatoes, cut a thin crosswise slice off both ends of each baked potato. (For large potatoes, cut potatoes in half crosswise. Cut a thin crosswise slice from the round ends of the potatoes.) Scoop pulp from slices; discard skin. Place pulp in a bowl. Carefully scoop pulp from each potato, leaving a 1/4-inch shell. Add pulp to bowl; set shells aside. Mash the potato pulp. Stir in sour cream or yogurt, cheese, chives, mustard, salt, and pepper. (If necessary, add 1 to 2 Tbs. milk to make of desired consistency.) Stir in hard-cooked eggs. Carefully spoon potato mixture into shells. Stand the potato "eggs" upright in a 2-quart rectangular or square baking dish. Bake large or small potatoes, uncovered, in a 425 degree F oven about 20 minutes (or in a 325 degree F oven for 35 to 40

minutes) or until heated through and tops are lightly browned. Top with additional whole fresh chives, if desired.

Makes 8 servings.

Roasted Asparagus with Balsamic Vinegar

The balsamic vinegar makes the perfect dressing for this light side dish.

Ingredients

1 lb. fresh asparagus (12-14 medium), trimmed and peeled

1 1/2 tsp. olive oil (preferably extra-virgin)

1 Tbs. balsamic vinegar

Directions

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. In a large shallow baking pan toss asparagus with oil and salt and pepper to taste until coated well. Roast asparagus, shaking pan every 2 minutes, until tender and lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Remove pan from oven and drizzle vinegar over asparagus, shaking pan to combine well.

Yield: 2 servings

Marshmallow Easter Eggs

These sugary treats are coated in sugar for a special Easter dessert.

Ingredients

2 Tbs. Knox gelatin

1/2 C. cold water

2 C. sugar

3/4 C. hot water

1 C. white Karo syrup

2 tsp. vanilla

Corn starch for hands

Melted milk chocolate

Directions

Mix gelatin and cold water. Set aside until water is absorbed. Combine sugar, hot water, 1/2 C. of the Karo syrup and cook to the soft ball stage (240 degrees). Cool a few minutes. Beat with mixer at full speed. Add the remaining Karo syrup and all of the gelatin mixture, 1 Tbs. at a time. Beat 7-8 minutes after the last addition of the gelatin. Add vanilla. Pour into a well greased 7x9 inches pan and chill thoroughly. Dust hands with cornstarch. Spoon marshmallow out of pan and form eggs. Brush excess cornstarch off and let dry for 1/2 hour on waxed paper. Pour melted milk chocolate over eggs and let set. Refrigerate for easier handling.

Easter Coconut Cream Cake

This festive cake is packed with coconut flavor!

Ingredients

1 box French Vanilla cake mix

1 container French Vanilla frosting

1 can Lopez cream of coconut

1 pkg. shredded coconut

Food Color (optional)

Directions

Prepare cake mix as directed on box. When cake is done, remove from oven and poke holes in it with a straw. Pour cream of coconut into holes while cake is still hot. Let cake cool to room temperature and then frost. Pour coconut over whole cake. Food color is in case you want to color the coconut.

Easter Nests

These adorable nests are completely edible and fabulously festive!

Ingredients

1 7 oz. jar marshmallow crème

1/4 C. creamy peanut butter

2 Tbs. butter or margarine -- melted

1 5 oz. can chow mein noodles

1 C. pastel M&M's

Confectioners' sugar

Pastel peanut M&M's

Directions

In a mixing bowl, beat marshmallow crème, peanut butter and butter until smooth. Fold in noodles and M&M's. Chill until easy to handle. On waxed paper, form mixture by 1/3 C. into 3-inch nests. Chill for 30 minutes. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Place several peanut M&M's in each nest.

Yield: 9 servings

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