



Easter Crafts

Salt Dough Eggs

Materials:

1 cup flour

1/2 cup salt

1/2 cup water

Rolling pin

Egg shape cutter

Spatula

Straw

Parchment-paper covered baking sheets

Spray or acrylic paint

Paint pen

Clear sealer, optional

Twine, ribbon



Directions:

Stir together flour, salt, and water until a dough forms.

Roll it out to 1/4 inch thick and cut out desired shapes.

Place the cut-outs on the parchment-covered baking sheets. Make a hole with a straw so you can hang the ornaments.

Bake at 250F for 2 hours.

Once the eggs are baked, dried and cooled, paint with spray paint or acrylic paint. Allow the paint to thoroughly dry. Use paint pens to add polka dots or stripes to the eggs.

Optional: To further protect the color and design, add a clear coat sealer.

Loop twine or ribbon through the holes and hang.

Burlap Bunny

Materials:

8" x 10" piece of wood

7"x 9" piece of burlap with ends frayed

Pastel and white craft paint

Paint brush

Rope or ribbon for hanging plaque

1 Pom pom

Spray Adhesive

Sandpaper

Staple gun



Directions:

Paint the wood piece with craft paint, let dry.

Trace or draw bunny shape onto the center of burlap piece.

Paint the bunny shape with white craft paint.

Once paint is fully dry (at least another hour or so), spray back of stenciled burlap with a generous coat of adhesive and place burlap in center of wood piece. Glue the pom-pom in place on the bunny to create the tail.

Using staple gun, staple piece of rope to top of plaque.

Easter Candy Jars

Materials:

Small jars

Mod podge

Paint Brush

Fine glitter

Craft foam in pink, white and orange

Candy

Pom poms

Googly eyes

Hot glue gun



Directions:

Paint a thin layer of Mod podge all over your jar. Sprinkle glitter on it and shake off excess.

Set aside and allow to dry.

Cut ears from your white and pink craft foam and hot glue them to the lid of your bunny jar. Hot glue a pink pom pom for a tail. To make the face, glue on googly eyes and a pom pom nose, and then cut whiskers and glue them in place.

For the chick, cut some little feet and glue them to the bottom of the jar and a little triangle beak and eyes for the face.

Washcloth Bunny

Materials:

Washcloth

Rubber band

Glue

Googly eyes

Small pom-pom

Large pom-pom



Directions:

Place the washcloth on a tabletop and evenly roll two diagonally opposite corners toward the middle. Fold the rolled washcloth in half.

Fold the cloth in half a second time and wrap the rubber band around the second fold to form the bunny's head. Gently pull apart the rolled ends that extend above the rubber band so that they resemble rabbit ears.

Next, glue the googly eyes onto the face and the small pom-pom in place for a nose. Glue the large pom-pom onto the back to form the cotton tail.



Tie-Dyed Easter Eggs

Materials:

Eggs, hard-boiled

Vinegar

Food coloring in assorted colors

Paper towels

Plastic wrap



Directions:

Take a paper towel and dampen the towel with water and vinegar, making sure it is just damp.

Place a piece of plastic wrap under the paper towel.

Drip small drops of food coloring onto the paper towel. Allow colors to drop next to each other so they bleed slightly together. Make sure there is enough area with food color to cover egg.

Wrap an egg in the paper towel and the plastic wrap. The longer you keep the egg wrapped, the brighter the egg will get.

Grass Egg Heads

Materials:

Eggshell

Felt tip markers

Cotton balls

Grass seeds

Paper



Directions:

Remove any remaining pieces of egg from inside the shell and wash it out.

Place the egg in an egg cup or other container. Draw or paint a face on one side of the egg.

Separate and dampen one or two cotton balls and place inside the egg.

Sprinkle a layer of grass seeds on top of the cotton balls.

Cover the egg with a piece of paper until the seeds begin to sprout, then remove the paper cover and move to a window sill. Water daily.

Jelly Bean Carrots

Materials:

Clear plastic icing bags
Orange and green jelly beans
Green tissue paper
Green curling ribbon



Directions:

Fill the bag about half full with orange jelly beans. Add a layer of green jelly beans. Cut a strip of folded green tissue paper that is a little wider than the length now available from the top of the green jelly beans to the edge of the bag. Roll the tissue paper strip loosely and fit it inside the bag, pushing it down to meet the top layer of green jelly beans. Tie one or two strands of curling ribbon around the bag, just above the green jelly beans, so that the ribbon cinches the bag tightly and holds the tissue paper in place.

Pompom Easter Chick

Materials:

Large yellow pompoms
Googly eyes
Craft glue
Scraps of orange felt



Directions:

Cut a small triangle from orange felt for the beak. Glue beak into pompom. Glue googly eyes in place on either side of the beak. Cut two pieces of orange felt into half circle shapes. Spread glue on the feet and press the feet in position, stand the chick up, and let dry.

Easter Berry Basket

Materials:

Plastic mesh berry basket

Lace to fit around the rim of the basket

Scissors and glue

Strip of thin cardboard to use as a handle

Paint or ribbon to cover the handle

Easter grass to line the basket

Strips of material to weave into the mesh



Directions:

Cut a length of weaving material long enough to go all around the basket, with an inch to spare. Start weaving from inside one bottom corner, weaving the material under and over the mesh spines. Cut off any excess material. Apply glue to the back of the material and press into the corner to secure.

Weave as many rows as needed to completely cover the sides of the basket.

Cut a narrow strip of cereal box cardboard to make a handle for the basket.

Decorate the handle with paint or cover it with ribbon. Apply a generous amount of glue to each outside end of the handle. Attach to the top inside of the basket.

Allow to dry

Cut a length of lace to fit around the basket rim. Apply glue to the rim then press the top hem of the lace into place, beginning in one corner and proceeding all the way around. Overlap and glue down the ribbon ends to finish.

Jelly Bean Letter

Materials:

Cardboard cut in the shape of an alphabet letter

Paint

Jelly beans

Hot glue

Ribbon



Directions:

Paint the cardboard letter. Let the paint dry. Choose jelly beans to match the color of the paint. Hot-glue the jelly beans to the front of the letter. Let dry. Hot-glue a ribbon to the back for hanging.

Eggshell Mosaic

Materials:

Broken eggshells

Food coloring

Vinegar

Paper

Glue

Clear lacquer



Directions:

Rinse eggshells and break into pieces.

Prepare a variety of dye colors in plastic containers by adding a few drops of food coloring and a drop of vinegar to a small amount of hot water.

To dye eggshells, place them in the coloring mixture.

Remove shells from dyes and spread them out on paper towels to dry. When shells are dry, place the different colors in separate containers.

Arrange the shell pieces in a basic mosaic design before gluing. When satisfied with your design, glue shell pieces into place.

Silhouette Yarn Bunny

Materials:

Pastel Yarn

Scissors

Tape

Card stock



Directions:

First, trace an outline of the bunny onto two pieces of paper. Cut one out.

Cover the bunny that was not cut out with yarn. Once you have finished covering the entire traced one, you can tape the yarn down.

Once you have taped it down well, place the cut piece of paper on top. Glue the two pieces together around the edges.