

Activity title

Eggcellent eggs

Stay safe

Whether you are a scientist researching a new medicine or an engineer solving climate change, safety always comes first. An adult must always be around and supervising when doing this activity. You are responsible for:

- ensuring that any equipment used for this activity is in good working condition
- behaving sensibly and following any safety instructions so as not to hurt or injure yourself or others

Please note that in the absence of any negligence or other breach of duty by us, this activity is carried out at your own risk. It is important to take extra care at the stages marked with this symbol: ⚠

Time required

2 hours (split into 2 sessions)

Activity summary

One of the best ways of creating a really big Easter egg is to use papier mâché so why not roll your sleeves up, get some grown up help and get creating and decorating your very own super-sized Easter egg!

What equipment will you need?

- A balloon
- Newspaper and white paper
- Wallpaper paste
- A small plastic pot
- Different coloured paints and other materials for decorating, such as foam letters and card borders

How to do it

Step 1

Blow up the balloon. Tie it and put it into your plastic pot.

Step 2

Tear the newspaper into small pieces. Prepare the wallpaper paste.



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Step 3

Lightly coat the pieces of paper with wallpaper paste. Stick them over the balloon to cover it. Leave a gap at the bottom so the balloon can be removed.



Step 4

Wait until the papier mâché is completely dry then apply a second layer of papier mâché and leave to dry.



Step 5

Carefully burst the balloon. Take the balloon out from inside the egg.

Step 6

Paint the egg with your background colour and leave to dry.



Step 7

Decorate your egg with different colours and materials. Be as creative as you can!

Well done – your giant Easter egg should now be complete!

Easter fun

After all that hard work, here are some cracking jokes to make you smile:

- **What kind of jewellery do rabbits wear?**
14 carrot gold!
- **How can you make Easter preparations go faster?**
Use the eggs-press lane!
- **What do you call a mischievous egg?**
A practical yolker!

Fun Easter facts

- A rabbit's teeth never stop growing. Instead they are worn down by chewing



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- Good fresh eggs sink in water, whereas eggs that have gone bad, float
- Some cocoa trees live for 200 years but the best crops are only grown between 5-25 years of age
- Rabbits eat their own poo (caecotrophs) to make sure they get all the nutrients out!

Easter treasure hunt

Why don't you set up an Easter treasure hunt for your friends or family? You could hide an Easter egg or gift that you have made at the end of the trail to surprise them with!

Use the clues below or make up your own. You can have lots of fun indoors or outdoors with this one!

1. Here's your first clue for your Easter treasure trail,
I'm hiding where you sleep at night without fail.
2. This clue will take you directly to me,
I'm in the garden under the tree.
3. For this clue you need to go somewhere cold,
I could be under the yoghurt pots so please be bold.
4. For this next clue you may need a friend,
Look at where your letters arrive that people may send.
5. The Easter bunny is good at hiding eggs,
You need to look in the basket that holds the washing pegs.
6. Your next clue is hiding in a room with a bath,
Where you go every day to clean up with a splash.
7. Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate galore,
Have a look near the tv if you want to do more.
8. You're nearly there, it's your time to shine,
So go to the kitchen and soon you'll be mine.
9. I'm hiding inside somewhere you keep your food cold,
Is it the ice-cream or frozen peas that has your clue in hold?
10. You've made it, the very last clue so you'll see,
Your treat is now waiting very near your settee!

