

Eggs in a basket card

Age:7-11 Group size: 10

Duration: 50 mins



Preparation time: 40 mins

Resources

- Card 19cmsx28cms
- Brown corrugated card 17cms x13cms
- Scrap card for the templates
- Brown sugar paper strips 1cmsx10cms
- Pink paper strips 0.5cmsx10cms
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Basket template
- Egg template
- Coloured or marbled paper 10cms square



Preparation

For the basket template, draw a large egg shape 16cms x12.5cms. Draw a line across the egg 6cms up from the bottom, this will be the basket. Draw a handle. Fold the card and cut the handle shape out.

Make enough of these templates for 1 per pair. Make a small egg template 8cms x5.5cms. Cut the paper strips. As a guide you will need roughly 13 pink strips and 8 brown strips per card.



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Activity

If you are going to use marbled paper, do this first and leave to dry.

Draw around the basket template on the smooth side of the corrugated card. Cut it out.

Fold the basket in half and cut slits into it. The slits should stop before they cut the basket in half!

Use the brown strips to weave the basket. Start weaving at the top of the basket. Either start under or over and then continue to weave in and

out. When you weave the second strip make sure you start opposite to the first strip. If you began by weaving

under on the first strip you will weave over on the second. As the basket is a curved shape the paper

won't fit through all the slits. Push each woven strip close to the others leaving no gaps. When

there is no more space to weave, glue down all the ends on both sides, then cut them off level with the

shape.

Cut out the 2 small eggs to go in the basket. Fold them in half along the vertical and again cut slits in them.

Make the slits wavy or zigzag.

This time when you start weaving the widest slits will be in the middle of the egg so ignore the top slits and begin weaving where you can see the widest slits.



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When the weaving is done you can snip the ends that are on the front level with the slit above so that it will look like it is woven all the way from top to bottom. Continue to weave like this, making sure that the weaving strips are woven through alternate slits. Push the strips close together. When you get to the other side you may have to miss out some narrow slits just like you did when you began. Stick down all the ends and trim to shape. Do this for both eggs.



Apply glue to the bottom front of both eggs and arrange them on the flat side of the basket. Take the card and fold it in half down the longest side, giving you a closed card which measures 19cms tall x 14cms wide. Glue the egg basket onto the front. Write "Happy Easter" in gel pen around the handle of the basket.

