

Paper weaving egg card

Age: 8-11 Group size: 15

Duration: 40 mins



Preparation time: 20 mins

Resources

- Coloured paper A5
- Coloured card A4
- Green card 21.5cmsx5cms
- Glue sticks
- Coloured paper strips 28cmsx1cms
- Scissors
- Pencils



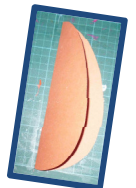
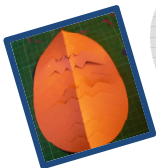
Preparation

Make egg templates to fit A5 size. Cut lots of assorted coloured strips. Provide enough green card, A4 card

and A5 paper for one per child.

Activity

Draw around an egg template and cut it out. Fold the egg in half from side to side. Make careful zigzag cuts in to the folded edge. Start at the top and work your way to the bottom but make sure the cuts stop about 1cms from the other edge. Open the paper out and begin the weaving.



Begin weaving from the middle of the egg shape. Take the first strip under the edge and come up through the first slit, then go down through the next one. Repeat the weaving pattern to the top of the egg. Push the strip as



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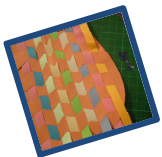
far over to the left as it will go. Start weaving the next strip but this time start weaving over the edge and down through the first slit and up through the second and so on. Push the second strip next to the first one.



Keep weaving in this way until you can't fit another strip into the slit at the bottom. Look carefully at the slit above that one to see if it is wide enough to fit another strip, if it isn't keep looking until you find one. When you have found a slit to weave through, look at the woven strip next to it.

To repeat the pattern you will need to do the opposite of what the woven strip is. If it is lying on top of the egg then

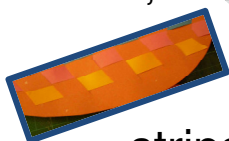
you start weaving by pushing your strip down through the slit. Keep weaving until you can't get through any more slits. Repeat this for all other slits that have room and then do the same on the left hand side of the



shape. Begin to glue down the ends of all the strips that go from the bottom to the top. When you get to the strips that are only partly woven you will need to cut them off so that they fit the pattern.



If they should go down through the next slit but could not, carefully cut across them following the angle of the



slit so that they look as though they are going under. Cut and glue down all the shorter weaving strips. Make sure all the strips are glued down at the



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ends on both sides of the egg. Trim off all the long ends around the egg shape.



Fold the A4 card in half along the longest edge. Turn the card so that the fold is at the top. The bottom of the card should measure 21.5cms across. Take the green card and cut a wavy line across the long side. Use the scissors to cut wavy lines down until they nearly touch the bottom, cut in between to make the card look like grass. Stick the egg shape onto the card about 2cms from the bottom. The top of the egg will overlap the top of the card. Glue the grass fringe along the bottom edge of the card.

Golden Time

