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Sugar & String Egg Ornaments

One type of Easter craft egg decorating that you may not have seen before is a sugar egg. This is an ornament that is made up of pastel threads in the shape of an egg, with a hollow center.

Necessary Items:

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups sugar or liquid starch (sugar gives a more sparkly appearance)
- As many pastel embroidery thread colors as possible
- 1 can of clear spray paint
- 1 bag of balloons
- 1 old newspaper

The sugar egg is a personal favorite of this site, as it is one of those messy crafts that we all secretly enjoy and is a craft that can be done at any age. Simply gather the items above and then follow the below steps.

Instructions:

1. Cover a large area with newspaper. This is a messy Easter craft and the newspaper will allow for easy cleanup.
2. Mix the water and sugar in a pan, boil, cool, and pour into a

bowl. Place the bowl in the center of the newspaper. The sugar is similar to glue in this project. If you find that the string is not sticking to the balloon, add more sugar.

3. Blow up the balloons to be as egg shaped as possible.
4. Dip one embroidery thread in the sugar water and lay it across the balloon. Repeat with a new color, making sure to overlap the threads in some areas. Cover your balloon with these threads in an artistic tangle.
5. Let dry over night. (typically these dry best when hung from a hanger)
6. Gently push in the balloon to un-stick the threads. Pop the balloon and pull it out (this is also messy, so do so over a sink).
7. Spray the Sugar Egg with clear paint to prevent ants.

Hang or display as desired.



String Easter Eggs are great decorations or party favors. They can be done in solid colors, as seen above, or in a mix of colors (preferable).

Washcloth Rabbits



Requirements:

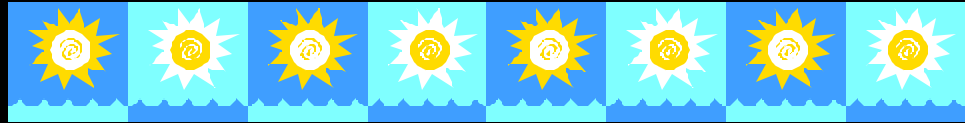
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Ribbon
- 1 pair of eyes
- Other items as desired

Instructions:

1. Fold washcloth in half length wise, then in half again so you have one long strip.
2. Fold in half width wise now (see first image above)
3. Cross the two ends of the cloth (see second image above).
4. Fold the crossed section back
5. Tie the ribbon around the cloth to hold the crossed sections back. This creates the head, ears, and body of the rabbit (see third image above)
6. Complete by adding eyes and other decorations as desired. This bunny can even hold an Easter egg!



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Easter Wreaths—Hanging Rabbit

Making your own small holiday wreaths with a hanging rabbit is a fun way to spend Easter!

Necessary Items:

- 2 large (1 inch) white pompoms
- 2 medium brown pompoms
- 1 small (as small as possible) pink pompom
- 1 small (as small as possible) red pompom
- 1 sheet of white felt
- 1 white, 1 pink pipe cleaner
- 1 two inch wood wreath
- 1 Hot Glue gun and glue
- 1 pink marker
- 1 pair of eyes

Instructions:

1. Cut the felt sheet into two hands and two feet, in the shape shown in the image to the right.
2. Draw four pink circles on the felt feet, as shown in the image
3. Use the hot glue gun to glue the first large white pompom to the center of the wreath.

4. Glue the second white pompom below and to the front of the wreath
5. Glue on hands and feet respectively (see image)
6. Cut white pipe cleaner in half, then fold each half double and glue on pompom 1 as ears. Cut and glue on pink pipe cleaner to complete ears.
7. Arrange and glue on brown, pink, and red pompoms as the cheeks, nose, and mouth of rabbit.
8. Glue on eyes
9. If desired, glue a ribbon to top of wreath
10. Hang on door or wall where desired



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Bulb Painting



Requirements:

- 1 set of light colored xmas bulbs
- 1 set acrylic paints
- 1 brush

Instructions:

1. One year after Christmas, buy a box of plain, bright colored (preferably pastel colored) Christmas bulbs.
2. When Easter rolls around the following year, break the bulbs out again.
3. Use your acrylic paints (or stain glass paint, if you can find some) and paint Easter shapes and scenes onto the bulbs.
4. When the bulbs are painted and dried, hang them around your house
5. Or create an "Easter Tree" and hang the bulbs there (if your bulbs and tree are small, this would make a great center piece.)



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