EGGS, TREATS & OTHER FUN PROJECTS TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

12 easter activities
Making these winsome garlands is an engaging hands-on project for the whole family. If you’re throwing a party, tuck little treats in the eggs before hanging them and invite guests to choose a critter to open.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Plastic eggs with holes at each end (see note, below)
- Darning needle
- Black and pink dimensional paint
- White, pink, and orange felt, plus other colors as desired
- White glue
- Crafter’s Pick The Ultimate glue or hot glue (adults only)
- White pom-poms, 7 mm size (for bunny tails) and ¾- to 1-inch size (for garland)
- Colored craft wire
- String or yarn
- Buttons with large holes

1. Use the dimensional paint to draw facial features on what will be the top half of each animal. Let the paint dry.

2. Cut ears and wings from the felt. For beaks, cut felt diamonds and crease them in the middle. Use white glue to assemble the bunny ears. Attach ears, wings, and beaks to the eggs with the Crafter’s Pick or hot glue. For the bunny tails, add 7 mm white pom-poms.

3. To add legs to a bird, bend a 6-inch length of craft wire in half. Insert the wire through the holes in the egg’s bottom half. Bend the ends into small loops to create feet.

4. For the garland, cut a piece of string or yarn to the desired length and knot it 12 inches from one end. Thread the needle onto the string, then add pom-poms or buttons and birds or bunnies, running the needle through the holes in the eggs.

NOTE: Many plastic eggs have small holes at each end. If yours don’t, heat a darning needle tip over a candle flame, then poke holes where needed to thread the string or wire (an adult’s job).
hard-boiled bunnies and chicks

After dyeing and decorating your Easter eggs, turn them into sweet-faced critters. Just peel off the shells to begin.

Two days before you plan to serve the eggs, remove the beets from a jar of pickled beets, submerge peeled hard-boiled eggs in the liquid, and refrigerate. After two days, drain the eggs and pat dry. Cut and assemble the eggs as shown. Add a carrot triangle nose, chive whiskers, and black sesame seed eyes.

little peeps

Slice an egg in half widthwise. Give each half a carrot triangle nose, black sesame seed eyes, and chive feather tufts.

pretty-in-pink rabbit

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hoppy hare

Cut a slice from the side of an egg so that it sits flat. Insert two flat carrot slice ears and chive whiskers. Stick on a carrot triangle nose and black sesame seed eyes.
**You will need:**
- Painted wooden beads in assorted sizes and colors
- Felt
- Pipe cleaner
- Tacky glue
- Scissors

**Bead Babies**

*Get your ducks in a row (and caterpillars and bunnies, too) with this easy craft. The little critters will look very cute in an Easter basket.*

**Caterpillar**

Put a drop of glue on the end of a pipe cleaner and insert it into a large bead. For the head, position a bead so that its holes look like eyes, then glue it to the first bead as shown. Slide four more beads onto the pipe cleaner and trim the excess. Remove the last bead and apply glue to the exposed end, then replace the last bead. Glue antennae made of the felt behind the first bead.

**Bunny**

Choose two beads, one slightly larger than the other. With its holes positioned to look like eyes, glue the small bead over a hole in the larger one. Cut felt ears, tail, and feet and glue them in place. For stability, make sure the feet fit squarely beneath the bunny’s body.

**Ducky**

Follow the directions for the bunny but swap a felt bill, feet, and wings for the ears, tail, and feet.
lots of dots

You'll happily be seeing spots when you use this easy decorating method.

Apply peel-and-stick glue dots (available in craft stores) to one half of a dyed egg. Gently roll that side in a small bowl of colored sand or fine glitter, covering the glue dots completely. (Be careful not to let the glue adhere to any surfaces before you roll the egg, as you could have a hard time freeing it.) Repeat with the other half of the egg.

sticker stencils

Egg decorating doesn't get much simpler than this.

Apply a number of small stickers—basic shapes, such as circles, stars, and hearts, work best—to an egg, taking care to press down all the edges of each sticker.

Dye the egg and let it dry completely, about 5 minutes, before removing the stickers. Use your finger to rub away any adhesive residue. (Rub stubborn bits with a drop of vegetable oil, then wipe clean with a paper towel.)
bunny burritos

Planning an Easter brunch? Make this crowd-pleasing dish before the guests arrive—and serve it with fun and functional utensil wrap-ups.

For each burrito, place a scoop of **scrambled eggs** and a tablespoon of **shredded cheese** at the center of an 8- or 9-inch tortilla. Fold up the bottom, then fold in the sides. Place it on a baking sheet, seam side down. Use kitchen shears to cut a slit into each burrito’s open end. Gently fold the flaps into ears as shown. The burritos can be kept in a 200° oven for up to an hour; just before serving, add quartered **grapes** for eyes, the tip of a **baby carrot** for a nose, and **chive** whiskers.

**carrot cutlery**

Set the scene (and your table) with our clever take on a rabbit’s favorite snack. Fold one corner of a **square orange napkin** toward the napkin’s center. With its opposite corner pointed at the bottom, wrap the napkin around a set of **green plastic flatware** and tie it with two 11-inch lengths of **green rick-rack**.
a herd of eggimals

After they're emptied of their Easter candy, give your plastic eggs an adorable second life as an owl, skunk, dog, cat, pig, or mouse.

These critters are made with tiny pom-poms and pieces of felt. We used Crafter’s Pick The Ultimate glue (hot glue also works well) to attach the pieces to the eggs and a black permanent marker to draw the face details.

**PIG** Curl a 4-inch piece of pipe cleaner around a pen to make the tail, then glue it in place.

**SKUNK** First glue the rear half of the stripe to the tail, then glue the tail and front of the stripe to the body.

**MOUSE** For its tail, glue on a 3-inch length of yarn, knotted at the end.

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**rabbit ears**

To get your little ones into cottontail mode, give them ears cut from stiff white felt. With white glue, add pink felt inner ears. Run a line of hot glue (adults only) along the ears’ bottom edge and stick them onto a headband.
1. Lay a leaf on an egg, then cover it with a section of nylon stocking to hold it in place.

2. Pull together both open ends of the stocking, then twist the ends together and secure them with a rubber band.

3. For each dye bath, mix ½ cup warm water, 1 teaspoon vinegar, and 10 to 20 drops of food coloring in a glass. Carefully submerge the nylon-wrapped egg in the bath and let it soak for about 4 minutes.

4. Use a spoon to remove the egg from the dye bath and set it on a covered work surface. Carefully remove the rubber band, nylon, and leaf. Allow the egg to dry completely before handling it.

**YOU WILL NEED:**
- Small flat leaves (we used fern, cilantro, dill, thyme, and mint leaves)
- Hard-boiled white eggs
- Nylon stockings, cut into 3-inch-long sections
- Rubber bands
- Water
- White vinegar
- Food coloring
- Large glasses, one for each dye bath (be sure they’re wide enough to hold an egg)
- Spoon
dye-ving dudes

These hard-boiled snorkelers are fully equipped for a dip in the blue (or green or pink). For a hilarious centerpiece, display a row of the finished dudes sitting in their dye-ving tanks.

1. For each snorkeler, dye the bottom third of an egg, then let it dry.
2. Draw eyes on a label and adhere it to a water-bottle lid. Slip the rubber band around the egg, about a quarter of the way down. Glue the lid over a rubber band.
3. Trim a straw 1 inch above and 2 inches below the flexible section. Bend it into a snorkel shape and glue it in place.
4. Cut out a pair of foam flippers. Glue them to the egg, adhesive side down, and let dry. Adhere the snorkeler to the display surface or inside a small glass or bowl. Add dyed water to the glass until the egg is partly submerged.

YOU WILL NEED:
- Egg dye
- White eggs, hard-boiled
- Permanent marker
- 3/4-inch round white adhesive labels
- 1-inch-wide water-bottle lids
- Small rubber bands
- White glue or glue gun*
- Flexible straws
- Self-adhesive foam

* White glue is kid-friendly but requires drying time; using a glue gun is an adult’s job.