



Easter Half Term

Happy Easter!



Idea's, activities and games for you to have an eggciting Easter!!



How to make this fabulous **Easter Chick Piñata**

What You'll Need

- Balloon
- Newspapers (old ones!!)
- Crepe paper
- Feathers
- Orange or brown card
- Glue made with one cup flour to 2 cups of water

What to Do

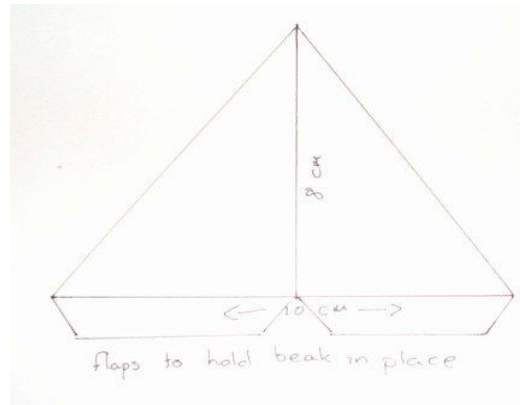
1. Cover the blown up balloon with strips of paper dipped in the glue solution.
2. Remove excess glue before putting on the balloon in order to dry quicker. About 3 layers are sufficient.
3. If you require the chick's eyes to be more prominent build up two platforms for the eyes with papier mâché. Place the balloon near a radiator to speed up the drying process.



4. The base of the mâché is cut to remove the balloon and to create an entrance for the sweets. This can then be taped closed and covered with the chick's feet.
5. Mark on the papier mâché where the eyes and mouth are going to be. Mark the mouth area with a black circle. At this stage if you want you could paint the rest of the area yellow so no newspaper shows.
6. Cut the crepe paper into 2inch squares. You will need quite a few squares, so without unfolding the crepe paper mark 2 inches down and cut across. Then mark the centre and cut again. Cut through the sides that are joined. The squares do not have to be uniform.

7. Using a pencil, place the rubber end into the centre of the square, pull the sides of the paper up around the pencil, dip into glue and stick it onto the piñata. Continue doing this until the entire area is covered except the face area.

8. The beak is made out of orange card. (Diagram for beak below). The flaps to hold the beak in place are placed to the outside and then covered with the crepe feathers.



9. The eyes are hand drawn and stuck on the area marked for the eyes. Smaller squares of crepe are used near the eyes.

10. Fill with sweets and enjoy!



DIY Easter Bunny Corner Bookmark

What you need:

1. origami paper (or regular paper cut into a square) – pastels colors work great for Easter
2. wiggle eye stickers
3. white paper
4. black marker
5. scissors
6. glue

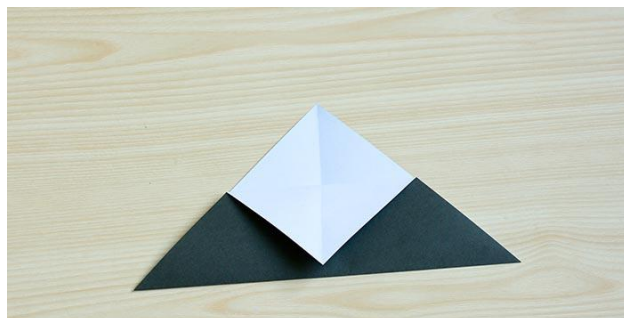


Follow the step by step instructions here
(We used black paper to better demonstrate the folding steps).

Fold the paper diagonally. Unfold.



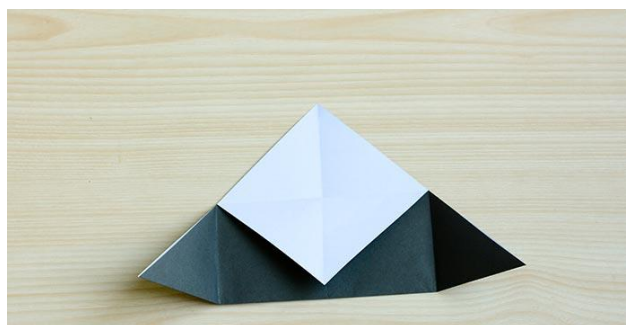
Fold into a triangle (colored side on the outside). Grab hold of the top of the triangle (one sheet only) and fold it toward the bottom of the triangle.



Fold the left and right corner towards the bottom centre of the triangle. Crease and unfold.



Again grab the corner, this time folding it towards the top of the triangle. Crease well. Do the same with the other side.



Now tuck both tops inside the pocket.



You now have your corner bookmark. If you so choose, you can also tuck the “white triangle” inside the pocket.



Now it's time to turn this DIY corner bookmark into a bunny corner bookmark. Cut ears, teeth and snout and glue them on the corner bookmark. Also add two eye stickers (or just draw your own).



Peek-a-boo Peg Eggs

These clothes peg eggs are so easy to make and they are so adorable! Each one takes less than 5 minutes to make and the kids have so much fun opening and closing them to see the little surprise chick inside!

What you will need:

- Glitter craft foam
- Clothes peg
- Small scrap of yellow paper or card
- Small scrap of craft foam or cardboard
- Double sided tape
- Black and orange gel pens
- Scissors



Instructions:

Start by cutting out a small rectangle of glitter foam, about 1.5" wide by 2" tall, then trim around the corners to turn it into an oval egg shape.



Cut a zig zag shape across the egg. I recommend drawing a line with a pencil on the back of the egg before you cut. You don't have to, but it makes the zig zags look way better if you've planned them out a little bit.

Pinch open the peg. While it's open, add a small strip of double-sided tape to the side edge of the top and bottom where the egg is going to go.



Make sure the peg is open when you add the double-sided tape so you don't accidentally tape it shut.

Lay the egg upside down on the table, making sure the top and bottom egg pieces are lined up and together.



Carefully press the peg onto the back of the foam egg so that the opening in the peg lines up with the opening in the cracked egg. Try to line it up so that the end of the peg where your chick is going to go is in the middle of the egg.

Cut out a tiny chick shape from yellow paper or card. Making sure it is not taller than the peg when it is open.



Then use a black gel pen and an orange gel pen (or black and orange markers) to draw the eyes and beak onto the little paper chick shape.

This next part helps to make sure your peg opens and closes easily without shutting on top of the chick and bending it. Take a tiny piece of craft foam (or cardboard, or anything else with a little bit of thickness to it) and using double-sided tape attach it to the back of the peg where the chick is going to go.



Then add a little bit of double-sided tape to the paper chick and attach it to the little foam spacer you just attached.



When you flip it over to the front, you should be able to see the top of the chick's head and the entire face when the peg is open. If it's not in the right position, just peel off the chick and adjust it.

Then repeat in a bunch of different colours! These make me smile enjoy...



Games to play at Easter!

Egg Commands

Write down several silly commands on small pieces of paper, fold them up and place them inside coloured, plastic eggs. Make sure you have as many eggs as you have players. Divide kids into two teams. Assign one adult judge per team. Fill one basket for each team with the plastic eggs. On the word, “go!” the first player from each team must race to the basket, choose an egg and perform the command. The judges must determine if the command is completed, and when it is, will signal the player to run back and tag the next player in line. If a player can’t complete a command after two tries, they must place it back in the basket and return to the back of the line. The first team to complete all of their egg commands wins the game.

Some egg command suggestions include:

- Hop like the Easter bunny.
- Shake your bunny tail.
- Name three kinds of Easter chocolate.
- Juggle two eggs.
- Roll around like an egg that has been dropped on the ground.

Easter Bingo

Make an Easter bingo card out of cute, clip art images. Mix the order up for each card you print. Cut up one card and place the images in an Easter basket. Give the kids jelly beans to use as bingo markers. Pull one image at a time out of the basket and show it to the kids. They must mark the spot that matches. Play until someone gets a bingo.

Runaway Eggs

For this game of tag, the person who is “it” is the bunny, and must wear bunny ears. Everyone else is a runaway egg. The bunny has to gather his eggs into the basket. Place a hula hoop on the ground to serve as the basket, or mark off a circle or square. When the bunny tags an egg-player, that player must go and stand in the basket. Play until all of the eggs have been collected. Then assign a new player to be the bunny.

Jelly Bean Race

Fill two baskets each with the same amount of jelly beans. Place them side-by-side on a table. Divide players into two even teams. Have the teams line up behind a starting point that is several feet away from the jelly bean table. Give each team an empty basket and a spoon.

The first player in line for each team must race to the table and place as many jelly beans as they can on their spoons. They must then race back and dump their jelly beans into the empty basket and hand the spoon off to the next player, who has to do the same. Play continues in this manner until one team has transferred all of their jelly beans. If a runner drops any jelly beans in the course of the race, they must go back and start over.

Musical Easter Baskets

This game is based on the concept of the classic, Musical Chairs, but with an Easter-themed twist. Instead of lining up chairs, line up Easter baskets, making sure you have one less than there are players. Play “The Bunny Hop” and have kids hop around the baskets as the music plays. When the music stops, each kid must pick up a basket. The player left without a basket is out, another basket is removed, and play continues this way until only one player remains.

Decorate an Easter Tree

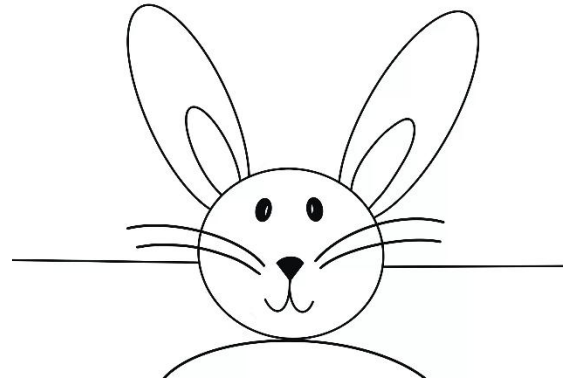
To make your Easter tree, you can place a block of foam (found in the floral section of craft stores) in a decorative pot, and then “plant” a small tree branch in the foam. Cover the base of the foam with artificial Easter grass. Have the kids decorate cardstock paper that has been cut into the shape of eggs. They can use decorating items such as crayons, coloured markers, rubber stamps, stickers, and glitter. Punch a hole in each paper egg and feed a length of ribbon through so they can hang their egg ornaments on the tree.



Blind Bunny

Have your party guests sit around a table. Give them each a piece of paper and a crayon. Blindfold them or ask them to close their eyes and draw what your instructions are:

1. Draw a circle.
2. Draw two bunny ears on the circle.
3. Draw a bunny's nose in the circle.
4. Draw bunny's eyes in the circle.
5. Draw a bunny's mouth and teeth.
6. Draw a bunny's whiskers.
7. Write your name below the bunny's head.



Easter Paper Basket Craft

Ready to make your own? Let's do it!

What you need:

- coloured paper
- scissors or paper trimmer
- glue (stick glue works great with paper)

Start by cutting strips of paper. All strips should be about the same width. The strips were about 1/2 inch (1.5 cm) wide.

You will need 8 paper strips for the basket, 2 paper strips for the basket hoop and 1 for the handle – 11 paper strips altogether.



Take the 8 paper strips that you will use for making the basket and gently fold them in half.

No need to crease them, this is just to mark the middle of strips which will make the following steps easier.



Glue the paper strips one onto another. First glue two of them together to make a cross (glue them in the middle). Continue by sticking other strips "in between" making a "snowflake" shape. This will be your basket's base.

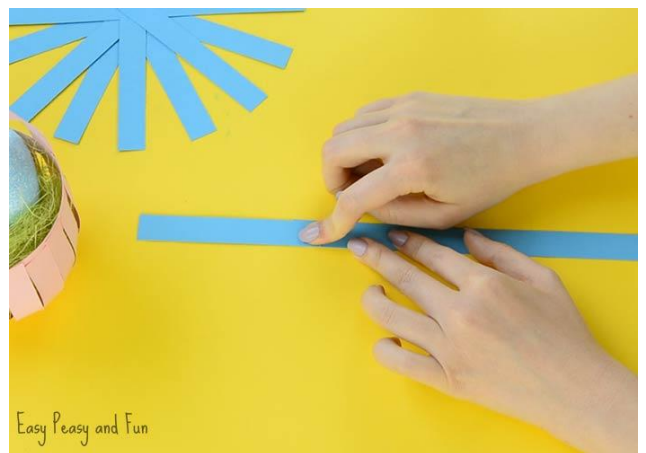


Put the base aside and take another strip. Fold it in half and cut it in half.

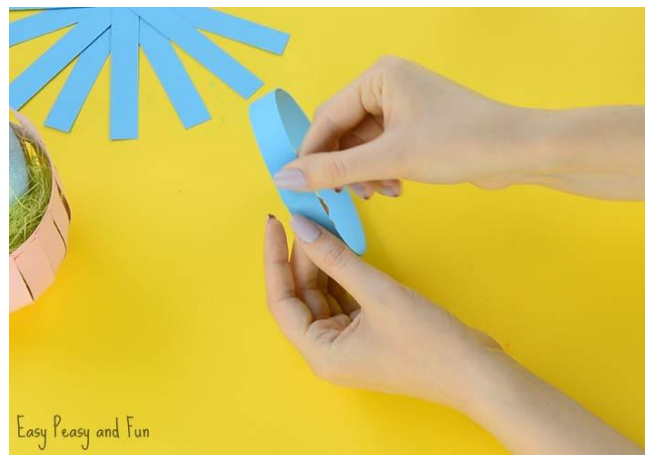


Take another strip and glue it together with the short (the half of the strip you previously cut).

This will make a longer strip (paper strip and a half) that we'll use to make the basket hoop.



Now make a circle with this long paper strip. Glue the ends together. Allow the glue to set.



Time to Start Making the Basket

Bring back the DIY Easter paper basket base.

Add glue at the end of one of the strips and glue on the inside of the paper circle. Let the glue dry.

Now take the other end of that same paper strip, add glue and glue it onto the circle.

You will have to glue all of the basket base paper strips to the hoop.

We recommend the next pair of paper strips to glue to be the ones that are at a right angle to the first one (again making the cross).



Continue until all of the paper strips are glued to the hoop.

This is starting to look like an Easter basket already; all that's left to do is to add the handle.



Take the remaining paper strip and stick it to the basket hoop, making a loop.

Allow the glue to dry completely.

You can even reinforce the basket with another basket hoop – just cut another strip of paper, glue it together with that half of strip that didn't get used. Glue it all around the basket, on the outside.

All done!





Have a great Easter Half Term!

Stay safe

