

Birds' Eggs Facts

- Ostrich eggs are the largest bird eggs in the world whilst the smallest are laid by hummingbirds.
- The African Jacana build nests that float on the water. The bird then sits on the nest which sinks, but the eggs are specially adapted for this—they are waterproof!
- Common Murre eggs are adapted to their cliff-side habitat as their long and pointed shape stops them rolling off the edge.
- Snowy owls nest during the long days of sunlight in the Arctic summer. The eggshells filter out the harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun.
- Kiwi eggs are the largest of any bird compared to the size of the mother: the egg takes up 25% of the mother's body.
- Birds aren't the only animals to lay eggs. Reptiles, fish and amphibians also lay eggs. The only mammals to lay eggs are the platypus and a spiny animal called an echidna.

Where to find more:

- Read about a heritage recipe: egge pye on Our Warwickshire: <https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/article/heritage-cooking-challenge-egge-pye>
- Discover the background to Easter eggs and the Easter bunny: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/17597617>
- Travel the world from your own home and discover different Easter traditions around the globe: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/47975475>
- Dinosaurs laid eggs too! Find out more at the American Museum of Natural History's website: <https://www.amnh.org/dinosaurs/dinosaur-eggs>

How to make...

An Easter Egg Wreath



You will need:

Paper plate or Card circle

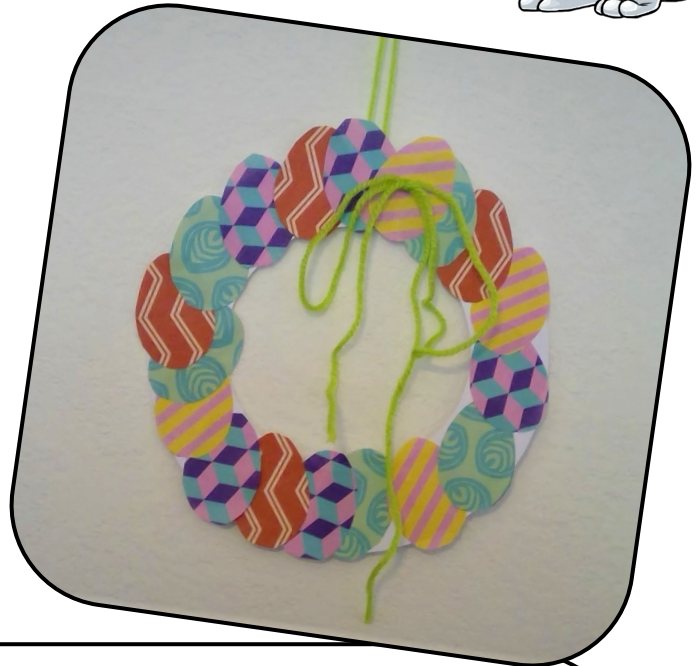
Coloured paper

Length of wool or ribbon

Glue

Scissors

Tape



1. Take your paper plate or card circle and cut out the centre so you are left with the rim.
2. Choose lots of coloured paper and cut out 12 eggs. You can recycle some old magazines here if you like.
3. You might want to decorate your eggs with sequins and buttons.
4. Glue your eggs onto the rim of the plate in any order you would like, make sure you cover the plate rim so you can't see it.
5. Make a bow from a piece of ribbon and glue it to the top of your wreath on the front.
6. Take a piece of wool and tape it to the back of the wreath, at the top, to make a loop to hang the wreath from.

How to make...

A Hatching Egg

You will need:

A wooden clothes peg

White card

Googly eyes

Yellow paper for the beak

Colouring pens or pencils

Scissors

Glue or tape

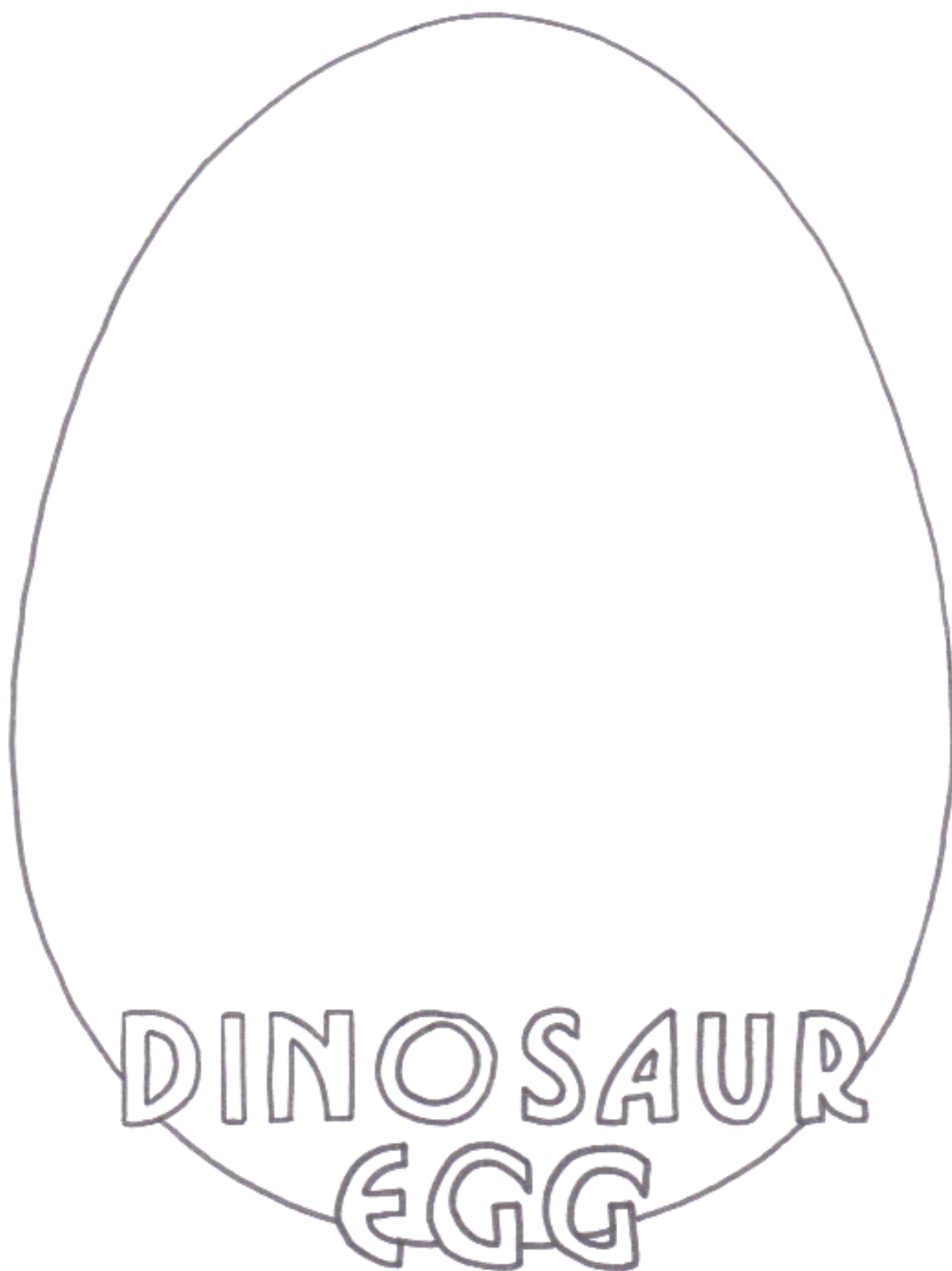


1. Draw an egg shape onto the white card and cut it out.
2. Draw a zig zag line across the centre of your egg so it looks like a crack.
3. Cut your egg in half along the line you have just drawn.
4. On another piece of paper draw your chick that's hatching out of the egg and cut it out - it's a simple oval shape or smaller egg. Make sure it's not bigger than your egg shell.
5. Colour it in, add some google eyes and cut a small triangle from yellow paper to be the beak.
6. Glue the chick onto the back of the bottom part of your cracked egg.
7. Glue the top of your cracked egg to the top of your peg and the bottom of the egg onto the bottom part of your peg. Line up the pieces so they make a whole egg.
8. When you open and close your peg the chick will look like it's hatching out of the egg.

Colouring In



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Maze

Can you help the bunny find its way to the egg?

