

Tip Sheet



Eggcellent - Egg decorating

Easter is a religious holiday, but some of its customs, such as Easter eggs, are likely linked to pagan traditions. The egg, an ancient symbol of new life, has been associated with pagan festivals celebrating spring. From a Christian perspective, Easter eggs are said to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb and resurrection. Decorating eggs for Easter is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century, according to some sources. One explanation for this custom is that eggs were formerly a forbidden food during the Lenten season, so people would paint and decorate them to mark the end of the period of penance and fasting, then eat them on Easter as a celebration.

Activity 1

You need:-













- 1. First hard boil some eggs and let them cool.
- 2. Next draw patterns of the eggs with the crayons.
- 3. Now pour some bright food dye into the bottom of the small bowl.
- 4. Dab the food dye all over with a brush.
- 5. Lift out with a spoon and place on some paper towel to dry.
- 6. Once dry dip a paper towel into cooking oil and rub all over.

Activity 2

You need:







- 1. First hard boil some eggs and let them dry and cool.
- 2. Cut small pieces/shapes of masking tape and press over the egg.
- 3. Use felt tip pens (fat ones word best) to colour the egg in patches.
- 4. When dry remove tape to leave the pattern.

If you don't mind spoiling your eggs, play egg tapping, a bit like conkers! https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egg tapping

Have lots of Easter fun - Sarah