



Making an Easter Tree



What you need...

You need eggs, a bowl, skewer, tooth picks, thread and paint or felt tip pens



1. Gently tap at the top end of the egg to make a hole using the skewer. Then do the same at the bottom end. This hole needs to be a bit bigger.



2. Gently blow into the top hole so that the egg white dribbles out into a bowl. (It does look a bit grim!) You'll need the skewer to pierce the yolk so that it dribbles out too. Blow until the egg shell is empty. It can be quite hard work! Make the bottom hole bigger if it wont come out. (You can use the egg whites and yolks for baking or scrambled eggs – nothing need be wasted).



3. Run the egg under the tap so that the inside is cleaned out.

4. Dry the eggs gently with a tea towel and stand them in egg cups.



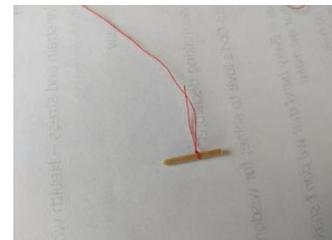


5. Paint your eggs. You can use acrylic paints, watercolours, felt tip pens. Just experiment and see what works.

We started painting them in egg cups but ended up with lines on the eggs. So then we tried placing the eggs on skewers and painting them that way. We painted two layers of base paint before adding a design.



6. Break a quarter of a toothpick and tie a thread around it.



7. Poke the stick and thread through the top hole in the egg. The stick will then act as a wedge in the egg and allow you to hang the egg on the thread.



8. Finally, cut some branches off a tree or gather some sticks and hang your eggs on them. You can hang other decorations too if you like. We store eggs we've painted each year so our tree grows each year.

Enjoy your Tree. Happy Easter!

