

Tie-dyed eggs

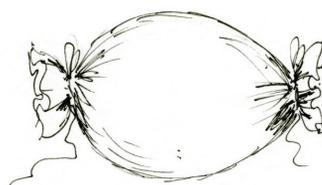
This is not suitable for small children to attempt, but teenagers can have a go.

YOU WILL NEED

- The palest eggs available
- Food dyes or egg dyes (or you can use lots of onion skins, for a rich golden brown colour)
- Tiny flowers and leaves
- An old nylon stocking
- Strong cotton thread
- Glue
- Furniture wax and a cloth



1. Follow the instructions on the egg dyes. Or boil your eggs till hard if you are using food dyes. But, if you use onion skins, do not boil your eggs yet. Cut a rectangular piece of stocking big enough to easily wrap the egg and firmly tie up one end. Carefully arrange the flowers and leaves around the egg with tiny dabs of glue. Put the egg inside the stocking, pull the nylon tightly over it and secure firmly. Your parcel is ready for dyeing.



2. Use either the egg dye or the food dye but take care not to dye it too strongly otherwise the delicate patterns will be lost. If you use onion skins, first boil them in water in a saucepan for 10 minutes then put your wrapped eggs, raw or blown, in with the skins and boil them all together for at least another ten minutes. Onions take longer to dye. When done, unwrap the eggs and let them dry in an egg box with the big hole at the bottom. When fully dry, rub the egg with furniture wax to give it a deep sheen.

The delicate patterns show up beautifully on the coloured eggs. These eggs look beautiful on the Easter table.

Here are some Easter egg motifs to get you started.

