

Easter eggs

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Learning objective

- To select and use activities and resources independently to make Easter eggs

What to do

Art activity

- Blow up balloons to make a small egg shape.
- Vaseline the surface of the balloon (to prevent paper sticking).
- Coat first with white paper, then with newspaper papier mâché.
- Alternate with newspaper and white or scrap coloured paper to make the layers even.
- Use white paper on the last layer.
- When dry, cut through the 'egg' lengthwise and remove balloon.
- Help the children to stick a strip of stiff card

round the inside edge of one half of the egg, making it project to form a collar so that the other half can fit over it as a lid.

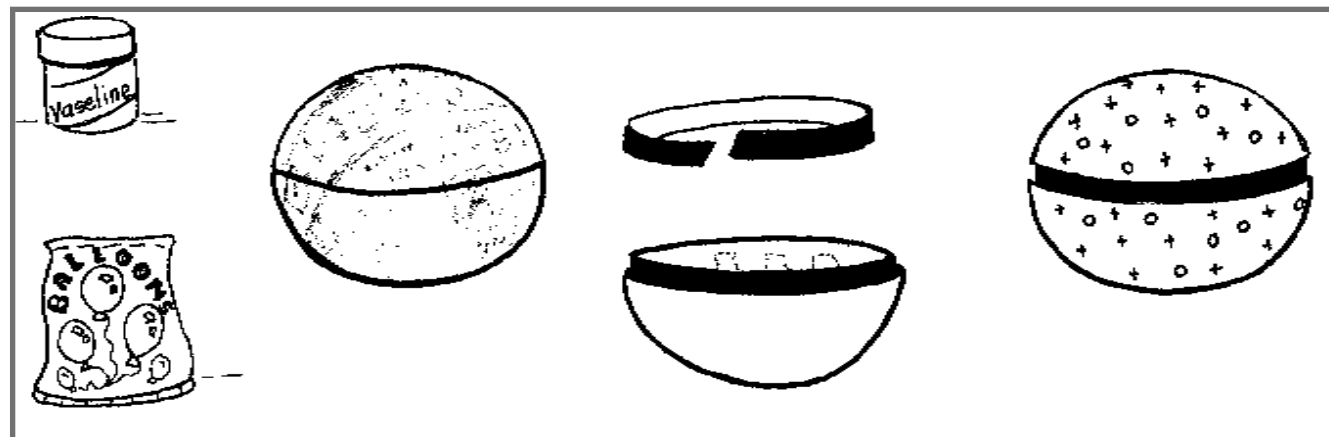
- Add more papier mâché to stick the collar down. Allow the halves to dry.
- Decorate inside the egg with coloured paper and pictures. Decorate the outside of the egg as the child wishes.
- When dry, fill with sweets.
- For younger children, hard boil some eggs. Encourage them to decorate them.

Links to other key areas

- Creative Development

Related activities

- Pencil pot (see page 23)
- Exotic fruits (using pulp papier mâché) (see page 25)
- Celebrations topic



Personal Development

Self-care

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Resources

- Small oval balloons
- Vaseline
- Wallpaper paste in tray (no fungicide)
- Newspaper
- Thin white lining paper or white tissue paper
- Card from cereal boxes
- PVA glue and spreaders
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- To decorate eggs: ribbons, foil, coloured papers, tissue paper, artificial flowers, beads, sequins, feathers, tassels and fringes, cut out coloured pictures
- Hard boiled eggs
- Crayons
- Small wrapped sweets

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Supervise the use of scissors.