

Make a Gold-Plated Egg

Dyeing eggs can get messy, but luckily it's not the only option for Easter egg decorating. Using sequins, your child can make a gorgeous gold-plated egg! If he enjoys arts and crafts this is a unique and challenging approach to decorating eggs. Use this time to introduce your child to different cultural techniques for recycling eggshells. Dyeing eggs, carving designs into eggshells, and turning an eggshell into a shadow box are a few of the methods he'll learn.

What You Need:

- Gold sequins (medium or large)
- White glue
- Large drinking straw
- Toothpick or metal pick
- Plate
- Soap and water
- Tweezers (optional)
- Internet access (optional)



What You Do:

1. Can he name a few ways to decorate an Easter egg? What is the significance of egg decorating in Slavic cultures? Invite him to go online and see what he can find out!
2. When he is ready to tackle his own egg decorating, help him take a raw egg and use a metal pick to create two small holes, one at each tip of the egg.
3. Ask him to place the drinking straw over one of the holes and blow into it to push the raw egg out of the opposite hole and onto a plate. He should discard the raw egg.
4. Have him gently rinse the egg with soap and water. Pat dry.
5. The key to gold-plating the egg is patience. Help him place a line of glue onto the egg, and then drop sequins onto the glue so that they overlap at the edges (like scales). Let dry.
6. Encourage him to continue adding glue and sequins until the egg is covered entirely. He can use the tweezers as necessary to help place the sequins. Be sure to take breaks to let the sequins dry.
7. To make this activity easier for your child, you can hard-boil the egg to have a stronger surface to work on. You may also choose to cover only part of the egg with sequins. Gluing a circle of sequins from tip to tip creates an elegant line on your egg, or you may choose to polka dot the egg with sequins instead.