

Easter bunny shares some trade secrets

The Easter Bunny is busy decorating eggs again, and he has passed along a few of his trade secrets. Let the kids try some of the simple ones, or get creative yourself with some of the fancier types. These ideas can be used on either hard-cooked or blown eggs.

How to blow eggs: Wash and dry eggs. Pierce both ends of the egg with a large needle. Slightly enlarge hole at the small end of the egg. Push needle well into egg, to break yolk. Hold egg over bowl with small end down. Blow into hole at opposite end. Rinse shell with cold water.

To color eggs: Try felt pens; nail polish; food coloring; fabric dyes; ink; acrylic, enamel or poster paints. NOTE: If planning to eat hard-cooked eggs that have been dyed, make sure that a non-toxic vegetable dye is used, as the shell is porous. Decoupage eggs: This is

easy to do! Cut tiny pictures from magazines or gift wrap; use dried flowers, feathers, or stickers. Glue decoration on egg (which may be plain, dyed or painted). Let dry, then coat with spray varnish or decoupage coating (i.e. Modge Podge). NOTE: Brushed-on varnish may discolor pictures. If desired, instead of varnishing on top of decoration, coat with white glue and sprinkle with glitter. Glue will be clear when dry.

Batik eggs: Draw design on egg with light pencil. Melt candle wax; using a small brush, paint wax on areas you don't want to be colored. Dip egg in dye of desired color, then into a vinegar bath to set the color. You can use several colors by repeating the process, remembering to cover the previous colors with wax unless you want to mix colors, (i.e. blue over yellow makes green). Remove wax by dipping egg in boiling water. This process can also be reversed by dipping egg, with

design drawn on it, in melted wax, covering it well. Remove from wax and let cool. Scratch on design with darning needle. Dye, then remove wax, as described above. NOTE: Here's an idea for the really young ones to try: Dip egg in wax, then color with ordinary crayons. To make it shiny, coat with oil.

Egg Animals: Owl: (shown here). Color egg with black or brown felt pen. Glue on beak made of triangle of construction paper. Use two small stones for feet.



Pig: Dye egg pink. Glue on miniature marshmallows for four legs and snout. Make a curly tail from a pipe cleaner. Draw eyes with a felt pen. Mouse: (shown here). Glue on large pink ovals of construction paper for ears. Add a pipe cleaner tail; draw on whiskers and eyes with a felt pen.



Invent your own: Rabbits with paper ears and a cotton

tail; fish with tissue paper fins; frogs, striped bumblebees, and so on. Tips: After drawing designs with a felt tip pen, let dry and coat with clear nail

polish to prevent smearing. To make stands for decorated eggs, glue on small plastic curtain rings, buttons, spoons, stones, pieces of wood or bottle caps.

Must apply for supplement

Health and Welfare Canada officials today urged old age security pensioners in Ontario who are receiving Guaranteed Income Supplement to re-apply before the March 31 deadline if they want to continue receiving

the supplement. W.A. Wright, Regional Director for Old Age Security said that his office has mailed out some 350,000 applications to pensioners who have been receiving the supplement in Ontario during the past year.

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"Every recipient who wants to continue receiving the supplement must re-apply," Mr. Wright said.

The federal government's Guaranteed Income Supplement is available only to persons receiving Old Age Security pension. Amount of

the supplement is entirely dependent on the income of the pensioner.

Signs

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Fun with Easter eggs

After you have decorated the hard-cooked eggs for your Easter Egg hunt and the kids are still feeling creative, mix up some egg yolk paint and let them decorate cookies.

PAINTBRUSH COOKIES
3/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup brown or white sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
2 1/2 cups whole-wheat or all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt

Beat together butter or margarine, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt until well blended. Chill at least one hour.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. On floured board, roll out dough to 1/8" thickness. Cut pattern (Easter egg, bunny, basket) from paper, place on dough and cut around it with a sharp knife. Place cookies on ungreased baking sheet. Decorate with egg yolk paint. At this time, additional decorations such as colored sugar, nuts and raisins may be added. Bake 6-8 minutes. Makes 2-3 dozen three-inch cookies.

EGG YOLK PAINT
Blend 1 egg yolk and divide it among two or three small dishes or sections of an egg carton. Add food coloring to the yolk to achieve various colors. Note that blue does not mix well with the yellow yolk. Paint designs on cookies before baking.

The remaining egg white can be used in a variety of ways. For example, add it to a soufflé or to scrambled eggs or omelettes. Glaze bread, buns or pastry with it or spread it on your face for a refreshing facial mask. Egg white can also be frozen for several months.

family recipe for a mustard sauce which is a zesty accompaniment for your Easter ham:

MUSTARD SAUCE
1/2 cup sugar
1 tbsp. dry mustard
1 egg, beaten
1/3 cup vinegar
In small saucepan, blend sugar and dry mustard to remove any lumps. Stir in egg and vinegar.

Cook over low heat stirring constantly, until sauce comes to a boil (approximately 5-7 minutes). Makes 2/3 cup. Serve hot or cold with ham.



PAINTBRUSH Cookies are a perfect Easter project.

Bike stolen in 15 minutes

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