

Egg Carton Flower Wreath



Transform your recyclables into a colourful flower wreath! Using a couple of egg cartons, some cardboard, glue, and paint, in this activity we will breathe new gorgeous life into these everyday objects and come away with a beautiful artwork that celebrates the arrival of Spring.

Make your own flower wreath by following along with our step-by-step video at this link:

<https://vimeo.com/eskereducation/flowerwreath>

Or read the instructions below!

MATERIALS:

- Two egg cartons
- One large piece of thick cardboard
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Pencil
- Tempera or Acrylic Paint
- Optional: Felt, pompoms, buttons or beads

STEP 1: Disassemble your egg cartons by cutting out each individual egg-holder shape as well as the tall triangular pointy shapes that separate the eggs.

STEP 2: Transform each of the egg-holder circles and pointy triangle shapes into flowers by using your scissors to cut towards the centre of each shape. Once you've cut towards the centre in four or five places, you'll be able to flatten your flower out a bit and start to see the flower emerge. Explore different petal shapes by rounding out your edges and cutting into your petals in different ways.

STEP 3: Paint your flowers with some bright beautiful colours, painting both the inside and outside of your flowers. If you don't have paint you could also colour your flowers with markers. Use the lid of your egg carton as a drying rack for your flowers.

STEP 4: Make your wreath base out of a piece of thick cardboard. Trace around a medium sized dinner plate to make the shape of a circle on your cardboard. This will be the inside of the wreath. Trace another bigger circle around your first circle that's about 2 to 3 inches deep. This doesn't have to be precise. Cut around the outside of the wreath and cut out the inner circle. You can paint your wreath base, wrap it in felt or fabric or colour it.

STEP 5: Once your wreath base and flowers are dry, arrange the flowers on your wreath until you're happy with how they look. Using a hot glue gun or white glue, start gluing your flowers to your base.

STEP 6 (OPTIONAL): Add some paper or felt leaves to your wreath, and pompoms, buttons or beads to the centre of your flowers.