

## Bound Eggs Tutorial

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Here is a pretty egg you can make either as a decoration for your own home or as a small Easter gift for someone special.

Very simple with just a small number of materials which you can vary according to your own taste and stash pile! Have fun!



Materials & tools needed:

Hot glue gun or white glue (eg. Vinavil) \*

- Polystyrene or paper craft eggs (mine is about 8 cms long)
- Approx. 3.50 meters of satinised cord/medium thick string/plaited cord. I have used the satin cord - if you are able to work directly off a roll of cord or string, you will have less wastage. The measurements will obviously vary slightly according to the size of the egg you choose to use, and to the closeness of your binding as you go along.
- Approx. 30 cms of narrow satin ribbon
- 3 or 4 tiny artificial flowers. You can substitute the flowers with beads or some other decoration if preferred
- Florists' pins - any pins will do, but the ones florists use tend to be very small which is perfect for this project as you don't want the pins to show too much
- A long wooden barbecue skewer
- Small pair of sharp scissors

**\*If you are doing this project with children, the cold glue is preferable since the glue gun becomes very hot and a young child does not have the necessary dexterity to handle the gun properly. Do not dilute the glue**



## Method:



- Pierce the top/narrow end of the egg with the wooden skewer. This is useful to turn the egg as you work on it, or to rest the skewered egg in a jar or similar if you want to stop working for any reason
- Pierce the bottom of the egg and gently poke one end of the cord/ribbon inside. Secure the end with a tiny drop of glue and/or a pin
- Working only an inch or two at a time, begin to spiral the cord all the way round the egg either by brushing on a little undiluted white glue, or a thin trace of hot glue. Be very careful not to touch the polystyrene with the tip of the glue gun. Every now and again, add a pin to secure parts of the cord where you think you might not have added sufficient glue. Keep a second wooden skewer to hand to position the cord as you work, and to push the pins in well.
- As you get closer to the top of the egg, remove the skewer and hold the egg at the bottom as you work.
- When you have bound all the egg, double up the last section of cord to form a hanging loop about 8 cms long and tuck the end of the cord into the hole left by the skewer. Add a pin to the egg top to secure the base of the loop.
- Now carefully take the egg in your hands and add gentle pressure all over the egg to make sure the cord has adhered well.
- With the small scissors, snip off the trailing threads of glue on the egg left by the glue gun
- Prepare your small flowers or beads and add them to the top of the egg either over or under your satin ribbon bow which you will have tied with the length of coordinating ribbon

