

Egg-cellent

EASTER

CRAFT



PAPER MÂCHÉ EGG

Who says Easter has to be all about chocolate?

Here's a seasonal activity that is all about sweetness and fun but not about sugar!

Chocolate is everywhere at this time of the year. It can be hard to get through a supermarket checkout without kids (and adults!) being tempted by all those shiny wrappers.

Easter should not be an excuse for a chocolate free-for-all, but that doesn't mean it can't be fun.



PAPER MÂCHÉ EGG INSTRUCTIONS

You Will Need

Thin strips of newspaper
Poster glue powder
(find it in hardware stores)
Coloured acrylic paints
A wide paintbrush (for the glue)
Small thin paintbrushes
(for decorating)
Scissors
Balloons
Plastic tub (for mixing glue)
Glass or cup
Surprise filling for the egg (we used
metallic streamers, fuzzy Easter
chicks, confetti, and streamers)



Step 1

Mix the poster glue powder in the plastic tub using the instructions on the packet. When not in use, cover the tub with cling wrap to keep the glue fresh.



Step 2

Blow up the balloon until it is approximately the size of a grapefruit. Sit the balloon, tie side down in the glass or cup. You will use this to hold the balloon throughout the paper mache process.

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Step 3

Cut thin, short strips from old newspaper pages. Use the wide brush to gently paint glue onto the balloon, then paste down a strip of newspaper. Paint glue on top of the strip until it is see through.

Repeat this with more strips of newspaper, pasting in an even pattern until newspaper completely covers the balloon.



Step 4

Build up the strips until you have pasted 2-3 layers. After each layer is pasted, change the direction of the strips.



Step 5

Leave the pasted balloon to dry for a day or overnight. Flip the balloon over halfway through drying so the underside can dry. When completely dry, use a pin to deflate the balloon. The deflated balloon leaves a hole in the egg. After the balloon has completely deflated, gently peel it away from the inside of the egg, being careful not to dent or crush the egg. Discard the balloon.



Step 6

Stuff the egg with festive fillings like streamers, confetti, and trinkets. You could even use tiny wrapped lollies.

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Step 7

Gently paint more glue around the edge of the hole in the egg, being careful not to dent it. Paste a layer or two of newspaper strips over the hole to seal it.



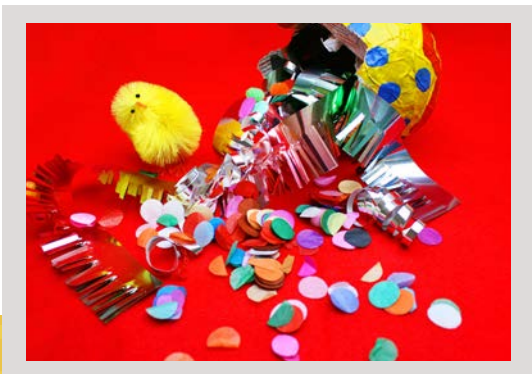
Step 8

Using acrylic paint in a colour of your choice, cover the egg in a base layer of paint. When the paint is dry, paint another layer on so you can't see the newspaper underneath. Let this layer dry.



Step 9

Decorate the egg with colourful patterns. Try zigzags, polka dots or stripes. The kids could even write their names on their eggs, or the names of loved ones to give as gifts.



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