

50 WAYS TO DYE OSTARA EGGS



Looking for some new ways to liven up egg decorating? Then we've got a list for you, with 50 ideas for your eggs, from simple to complex, including natural dyes, paint, stickers, and more.

1. Plain colors using food coloring or egg dyeing tablets (those box sets don't require hot water – great for festival use)
2. Use white crayon to mask some areas – either white by drawing on the egg first then dyeing over the wax, or colored by dyeing a light color, drawing on the egg, and then dyeing a darker color.
3. Use colored crayons on very hot eggs – the melting wax will make patterns
4. Half and half. Dip one side into one color, and the other side in a second color.
5. Glitter – use a boxed kit, or use glitter paint on your dyed egg
6. Shrink Wrap – use a boxed kit that has egg wrappers.
7. Marble – add a teaspoon of oil to your egg dye cup (after you're done doing solid colors), then dip your egg in and out quickly.
8. Marble (version 2) – use very hot water for your dyes and add a teaspoon of melted margarine to each cup, then dye.
9. Pysanky (Ukrainian method of decorating eggs using several layers of colors and a special wax stylus to mask areas of each color). See <https://www.learnpysanky.com/>
10. Use rubber stamps to add designs to dyed eggs
11. Make yarn eggs. See <https://www.craftster.org/blog/yarn-egg-tutorial/>
12. Use leaves to make designs on eggs. Put leaf against egg, put egg and leaf in pantyhose, dye. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzptrM1pZSo>
13. Stickers – just stick them on your eggs, or dye then sticker.
14. Polka-dots – apply small round stickers, dye, remove stickers for white dots. Or dye a light color, sticker, and re-dye a darker color.
15. Paint – paint designs on your eggs with a paint brush
16. Tie Dye – there are boxed kits that have you dye the egg, then put it in a plastic bag with a drop of a different color of dye and smear the bag over the egg with your hands.
17. Speckles – dye eggs, then splatter paint by dipping a toothbrush in paint and rubbing finger along it to create spatter.
18. Tie Dye (version 2) – put several eggs in a large metal colander (they need room to roll around). Splash eggs with vinegar, then put a drop of food coloring on each egg and roll them. When you think you've rolled enough, put a drop of a second color on each egg and roll again. You can do more than 2 colors, but too many will make the colors on the eggs smear together.
19. Tissue Paper – basically, stick art tissue to eggs with vinegar, let it dry, peel paper off. See <https://alittlepinchofperfect.com/tissue-paper-egg-dyeing-an-easy-way-to-make-colorful-eggs-with-kids/>
20. Onion Skins – soak onion skins in water to soften them, wrap snugly around egg, wrap egg and onion skins in cloth, and tie tightly to keep skins against eggs, then boil eggs to

hard boil. Cool off, unwrap. See <http://www.instructables.com/id/Easter-Eggs-Dyed-With-Onion-Skins-1/>

21. Silk Dyed – similar to onion skin method, wrap eggs in old silk ties (must be silk), then in another layer of cloth, secure tightly, and boil. See <http://www.instructables.com/id/Silk-Dyed-Eggs-Tie-Died/>
22. Duct Tape – use duct tape to mask areas of the egg while dyeing. See <http://www.flickr.com/photos/andersok/sets/72157600057076763/>
23. Rubber Bands – wrap rubber bands around eggs, and dye. Then remove rubber bands. You might remove some, or all, and re-dye in a different color.
24. Collage – glue sequins, ribbons, and other decorations to your eggs with white glue
25. Tied up – tie a ribbon around your egg. You might want glue or double sided tape to help keep the ribbon in place.
26. Egg people – make your eggs into people. See <https://mrprintables.com/easter-crafts-for-kids-egg-people.html>
27. Easter Bunny Eggs – make your eggs into bunny rabbits. See <https://littleredwindow.com/easter-bunny-eggs/>
28. Decoupage – cut out pictures from magazines and apply to egg with Mod Podge.
29. Dyed Newspaper – dip torn newspaper in dye, then apply to egg. See <http://www.flickr.com/photos/schlabotnik/140126836/>
30. Sponge painting – dip small sponges in egg dye and blot on egg. Let dry before applying next color (or don't – running wet dye can make interesting patterns too).
31. Mosaic – use dyed rice, small pieces of pasta, etc. Paint glue on egg, arrange rice in interesting patterns.
32. Sand Painting – paint glue in patterns on egg, sprinkle colored sand or glitter over the wet glue
33. Markers – Draw on your eggs with markers. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCngmTofzgw>
34. Use an Eggbot to print designs on your eggs. See <http://egg-bot.com/>

Natural dyes: Using natural dyes requires you to boil eggs in the dye. Frequently you will cook vegetable matter in water for a while first, then strain and cook the eggs. For liquids listed below, use the straight liquid or liquid with a little water. Always put a splash of vinegar in with the eggs because it helps the colors stay better. For more in-depth directions, see

<http://chemistry.about.com/od/holidayhowtos/a/eastereggdyes.htm>

35. Coffee – dying with coffee will make brown eggs
36. Blueberries – dying with blueberries will make lavender eggs
37. Yellow Onions – yellow onion skins will make brown-red (sienna) eggs
38. Beet Juice – beets and beet juice will make deep pink eggs
39. Cranberry Juice – cranberry juice (real juice, not a cocktail) will make light pink eggs

40. Paprika – paprika will make brick red eggs
41. Cumin – cumin will make yellow eggs
42. Turmeric – turmeric will make a yellow-green eggs
43. Purple Grape Juice – grape juice will make gray-blue eggs
44. Red Cabbage – cabbage will make blue eggs
45. Spinach – spinach will make green eggs
46. Red Wine – red wine will make purple eggs
47. Red Onions – red onions will make violet blue eggs
48. Carrots – carrots will make orange eggs
49. Chamomile Tea – chamomile will make yellow eggs
50. Hibiscus Tea – hibiscus tea will make violet blue eggs