

Easter Collage.

This lesson plan will help children celebrate Easter in a fun and creative way!

The activity can be completed over a couple of days and presents a great opportunity for children to develop their scissor skills. Alternatively, you can precut the required shapes and let the children glue them to their Easter egg.

MATERIALS

- **Paper Towel** - Product Code: 86552531
- **Fun Dye** - Product Codes: 87046792, 87046790 and 87046791
- **Pipette** - Product Code: 25090901
- **Cardboard** - Product Code: 25082104
- **Glue Sticks or PVA Glue** (this will depend on the collage materials you introduce) - Product Code: 87142915 or Product Code: 25082198
- **Scissors** - Product Code: 25090626
- **Pot/Jars for the dye** – eg. Product Code: 87010615
- **Art Trays** - Product Code: 87046727
- **Ribbons** - Product Code: 25170311

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare your supplies:
 - Tear off individual squares of paper towel.
 - In separate jars/pots mix 2-3 different colours of dye with water and remember to keep the colours strong. A good place to start is with the three primary colours - red, yellow and blue.
 - Cut cardboard into egg shapes.
 - Cut ribbons into shorter lengths.
 - Organise any other collage materials you may like to introduce.





1. Place a pipette into each dye jar, and set up your trays with one square of paper towel in each. It's a good idea to have some old towels handy for this activity, as some children will completely saturate the paper towel and it will become very drippy. You can then use the towels to soak up any excess before moving the item to the drying racks.
2. Encourage the children to drip the coloured dye over the paper towels. If the children have not used pipettes before, it can take some getting used to. Using a pipette as intended can sometimes be tricky to begin with, and you will probably experience a lot of squirting rather than dripping, but the dripping will come with practice. It's a good idea to demonstrate a few times using words such as 'gentle hands', 'soft fingers' to verbalise the intention of dripping.
3. Once the children have completed their artwork, hang the paper towels to dry. The towels may need to hang overnight to ensure they are completely dry before moving on to the next step.
4. Once dry, the paper towels can be torn or cut into smaller pieces. Children will often enjoy this process, especially when provided with scissors as they develop their scissor skills.
5. Now it's time to collage – set up your collage area with the cardboard egg shapes, some glue, the cut-up ribbons and paper towels. Also feel free to add any other collage materials you may have on hand. Allow the children to glue as much or as little to their eggs as they would like.

A beautiful way to display the finished eggs is by hanging some burlap ribbon (Product Code: 25100701) and staple or peg the eggs to them.

OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING THIS ACTIVITY:

- I wonder what new colours you can make with the dyes?
- Can you see any shapes in the cut-out paper towel?
- I can see you made (insert colour here), I wonder what colours you used to do that?
- What can you notice about the shape of an egg?