



Hoppy
Easter

Easter Activity Book










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Recipes








Easter Egg Sugar Cookies

Ingredients

For the sugar cookie

-  1/2 cup unsalted butter
-  1 cup sugar
-  1 egg
-  1 teaspoon vanilla extract
-  1/2 teaspoon baking powder
-  1/4 teaspoon salt
-  2 cups all-purpose flour

For the royal icing

-  3 cups icing sugar
-  2 tablespoons meringue powder
-  1/4 cup water
-  1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
-  food colouring



Make the sugar cookies

1

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar together using an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla.

2

Turn the mixer to low and add the baking powder and salt. Gradually add the flour and mix until combined.

3

Form dough into a ball and wrap dough tightly in plastic cling wrap and freeze for 30 minutes or refrigerate until firm (at least 1 hour or overnight).

4

Preheat the oven to 160(°C). Line the cookie sheet with baking paper.

5

Remove dough from fridge and let it stand for 5-10 minutes.

6

Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface. Cut out shapes using egg-shaped cookie cutters.

7

Transfer your cookies onto the cookie sheet, placing them 3cm apart.

8

Re-roll scraps and repeat.

8

Bake cookies for 8-10 minutes depending on thickness. Let it cool for 1 minute on the pan and then transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

Make the royal icing

1

In large bowl, combine the meringue powder with the icing sugar

2

Add the water and vanilla extract and beat with a mixer on medium-high until smooth. If you find that the icing is too thick, add more water. If too thick, add more sugar.

3

Add food coloring. Note that if you are adding liquid food colouring, this will have an effect on your consistency. You may need to add more sugar to thicken it out.

4

Pipe the icing onto the cookies. Allow icing to harden for an hour before you apply the second layer (white designs).

Ingredients

- Ice-cream
- 100's & 1000's

Egg-quipment

- Egg mould
- Pop sticks

Note:
Egg mould & pop sticks can be purchased from Spotlight.



1

Fill the egg moulds with ice cream. Place a skewer between the two sides of the mould and slide it halfway through the ice cream egg so that it's sitting in the middle of the egg like a lolly pop stick.

2

Place the skewered moulds in the freezer and let them set for at least two hours.

3

After two hours or more, remove the moulds from the freezer. Holding them by the skewer, run under warm water to remove the moulds from the ice cream.

4

Pour sprinkles or hundreds and thousands into a bowl and roll the ice cream eggs in the bowl to coat them.

5

Serve and enjoy!



Eggs & *Crafts*



Egg-quipment

-  Eggs
-  Tongs
-  Food colouring

1

Wash eggs and hollow them using a pin and the blow-out technique (this is a job for the grown-ups). Hollowing the eggs allows you to keep them for next year, and ensures if you break one, you won't have a big mess to clean up.

2

Use tongs, a spoon, or your hands to gently place the eggs in the dye. Remember, the longer you leave an egg in the dye, the deeper the colour will get. Allow eggs to dry completely (you can use a cake rack or a carton). You can also thread a wire in the hole of a hollowed egg to lower it into the dye and to help keep it submerged.



3

After the eggs have dried, repeat the same process with another colour, if desired. Again, allow eggs to dry completely.







4

The eggs are now dyed, but you can continue to decorate them.



Egg-quipment

-  A4 paper white
-  Assorted colour paper
-  Colouring pencils, crayons
-  Scissors

Optional Extras

-  Glue stick
-  Googly eyes,
-  Foam shapes,
-  Wool, feathers, fabric,
-  Fancy paper,
-  Corrugated cardboard
-  Magazines



1

Take the paper and fold it in half so corners meet evenly.

2

Then fold the paper in half again.

3

Open the paper and refold it lengthways.

4

Make a cut half way down on the bottom part of the paper on the fold side.

5

Fold back the edges of the slit to make two right triangles.

6

Turn the paper over and fold the two triangles in the opposite direction.

7

Open the paper out and fold it back to original card shape with the slit on the inside of the card, facing towards you.

8

Pop out the two triangles on either side of the slit by pushing the folds from underneath the paper till they pop out. You may need to use a pencil to help. Hold down the centre crease with the one hand and gently pop out the centre fold hold the card upside down and do it with the other side. Carefully shut the card. Check to see that the pop ups are open and rub the outside spine of the card.








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Draw a chick around the beak and decorate with optional extras.



Sock Bunnies

Egg-quipment

-  One sock (the socks need to be at least midcalf length)
-  Rice
-  Scissors
-  Twine
-  Ribbon
-  A marker
-  Tape



1

Start by looping the sock through the roll of tape and folding the edge of the sock over the tape.

2

When you have an opening, fill the sock with rice. If you don't have tape, just carefully pour the rice into the sock. You only need to fill the sock halfway. Be sure you are still able to pinch the heel of the sock.

3

squeeze the portion of the sock filled with rice and the unfilled part of the sock (this should almost resemble a snowman with three separate parts—the smallest on top, the biggest on the bottom). Use your twine to tie both areas nice and tight!

4

Cut the top portion of the sock (the unfilled part) right down the middle. That's right! Your bunny now has ears. Using your scissors, cut from the inside of the ear to make them more petal-shaped.

5




Tie your ribbon around the bunny's neck (between the two rice-filled portions of your sock). Then use your marker to give your bunny eyes and a mouth. If you used a black sock, you can use white thread to sew the eyes and mouth.

6

If you want to add a cute little tail, grab some of the fabric from the bottommost part of the bunny, and tie it up with twine.



Egg-quipment

-  2 colours of A3 card
-  Scissors
-  Hot glue gun

Note:

This takes approximately 45 minutes to make.

To make a bigger basket, double the length of the strips.



Point camera at QR Code to watch video tutorial.



1

Cut 2x.5cm wide strips of paper.

Cut 4x 45.5cm pieces of one color and 1 for the handle.

Set aside the 1 for the handle.

Cut 4x 35.5cm long pieces of your first color.

Cut 4x 35.5cm long pieces of your second color. (If you don't have paper that is long enough you can tape two pieces together.)

2

Arrange the 35.5cm pieces 4 across, being sure to alternate colours.

3

Weave 4 more 35.5cm pieces in the other direction of the 4 you already have placed down, alternating colours again. Adjust the inner square (where the paper is overlapping) to make a 4" x 4" square.

This is an Adult Job

4

Glue down each corner that is overlapping to secure.

5

Fold each piece inwards towards the center to start building the side walls.

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6

With the 45.5cm pieces, measure and mark every 10.1cm and then fold on each mark. Glue the ends together.

7

Weave each of these pieces to form the basket by following the under/over weaving pattern.

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8








After you weave the 4 45.5cm pieces onto the walls, fold over any excess paper and glue to the inside (or trim and glue to the inside).

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9

Glue each side of the handle to the inside of the basket and you are done!

Egg-quipment

-  Potatoes
-  Marker
-  Knife
-  Paint
-  Paper
-  Paint brush
-  Tooth pick
-  Paper plates
-  Brown card stock
-  Pink ribbon
-  Hot glue



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1

Cut a potato in half using a sharp knife

2

Draw a design using a marker on the potato

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3

Using a sharp knife and toothpicks, cut out the design go over the top of the marker

4

You can now paint the different potato with different colour paint

5

Stamp the potato onto you piece of paper. Once dried cut around the shape off the egg

6

Paint the 2x paper plates using brown paint. Let them dry

7

Paint the 2x paper plates using brown paint. Let them dry

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8

Using hot glue, glue the two paper plates together around the edges and cut off 1/3 from the top.

This is an Adult Job

9

Cut brown card stock into 2cm strips. You need 4 strips horizontally and 4 strips vertically. Trim around the outside.

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Add your ribbon handle to the basket by gluing to the inside of the paper plate.

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Put your Easter egg potato stamps inside your basket.

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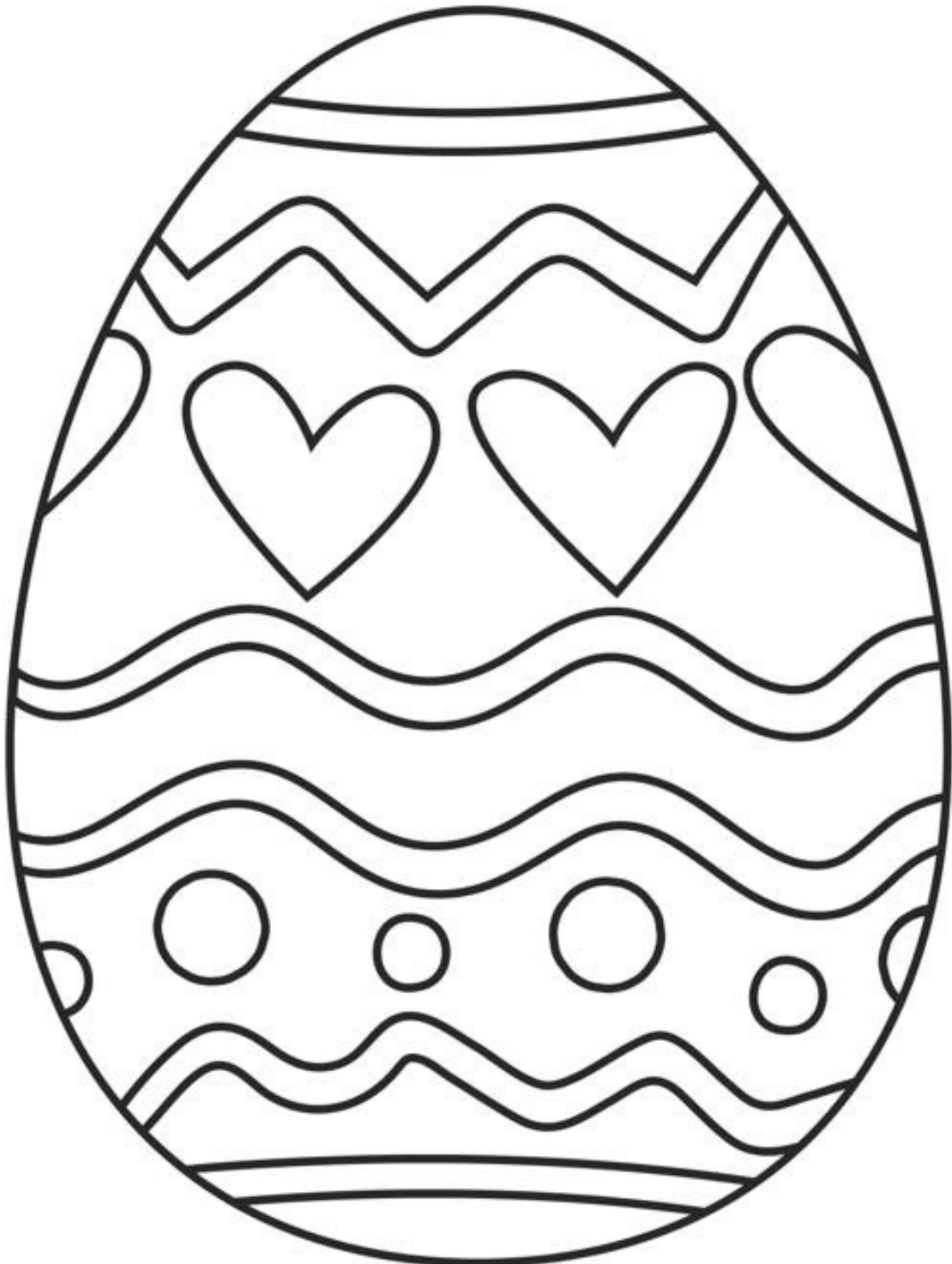
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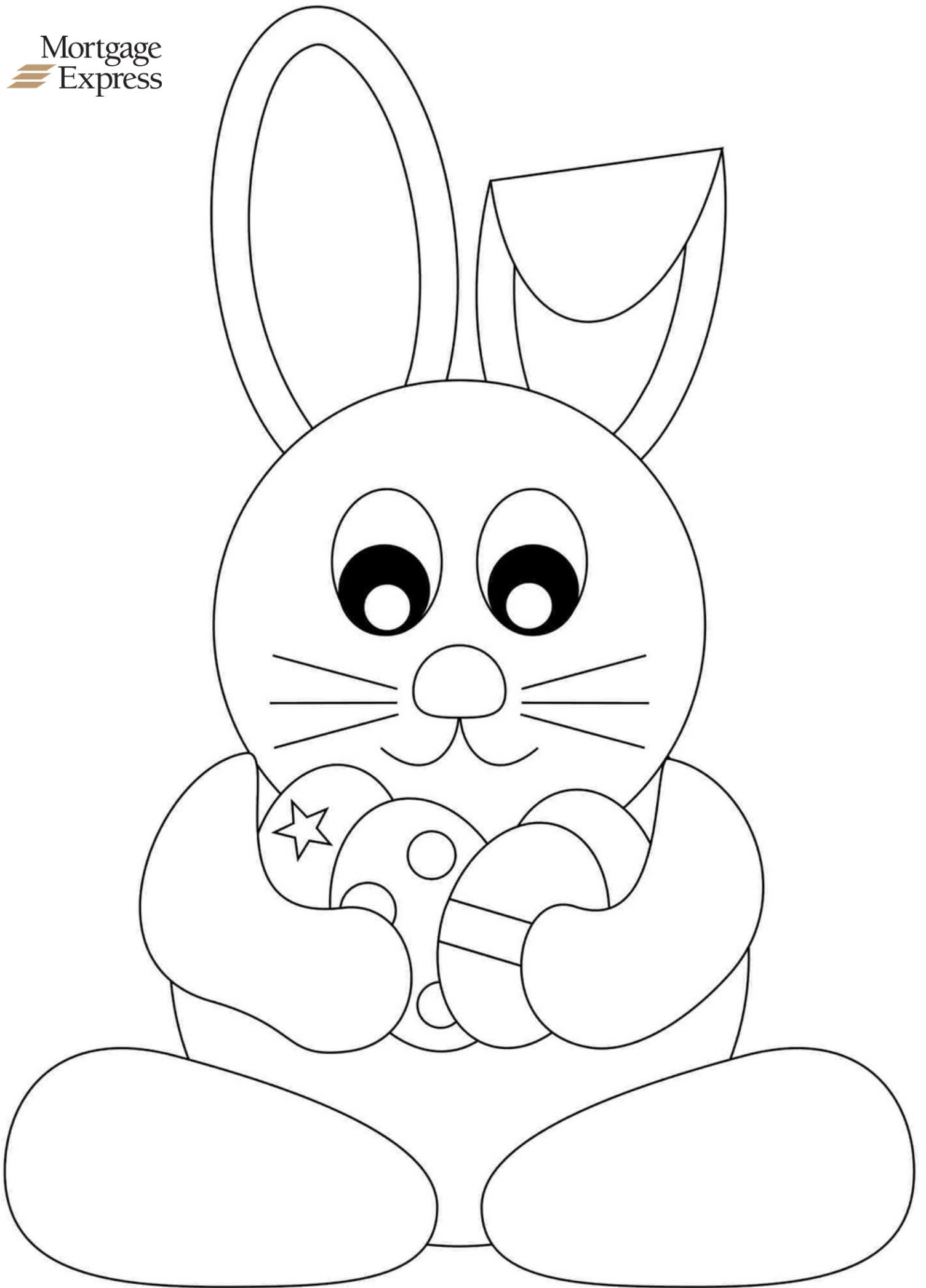


The Big New Zealand Easter Egg Hunt

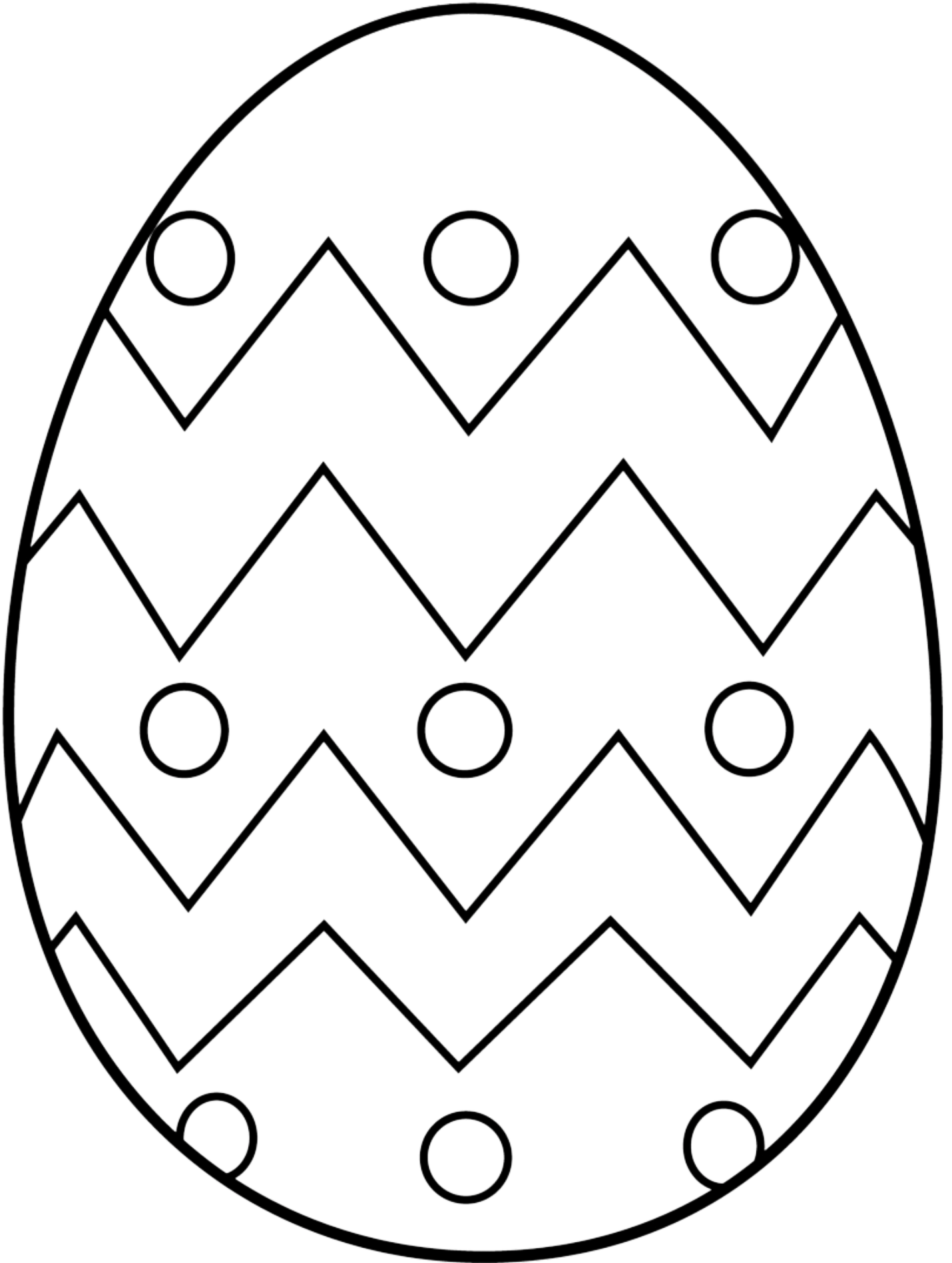
Will you take part in The Big New Zealand Easter Egg Hunt and make this Easter extra special? All you need to do is colour in this Easter egg, or design your own, and stick it in a window that faces the street so that everyone can have the chance to hunt for eggs this weekend!

Email your finished eggs to primeminister@parliament.govt.nz, or share them on social media using the hashtag #NZEggHunt

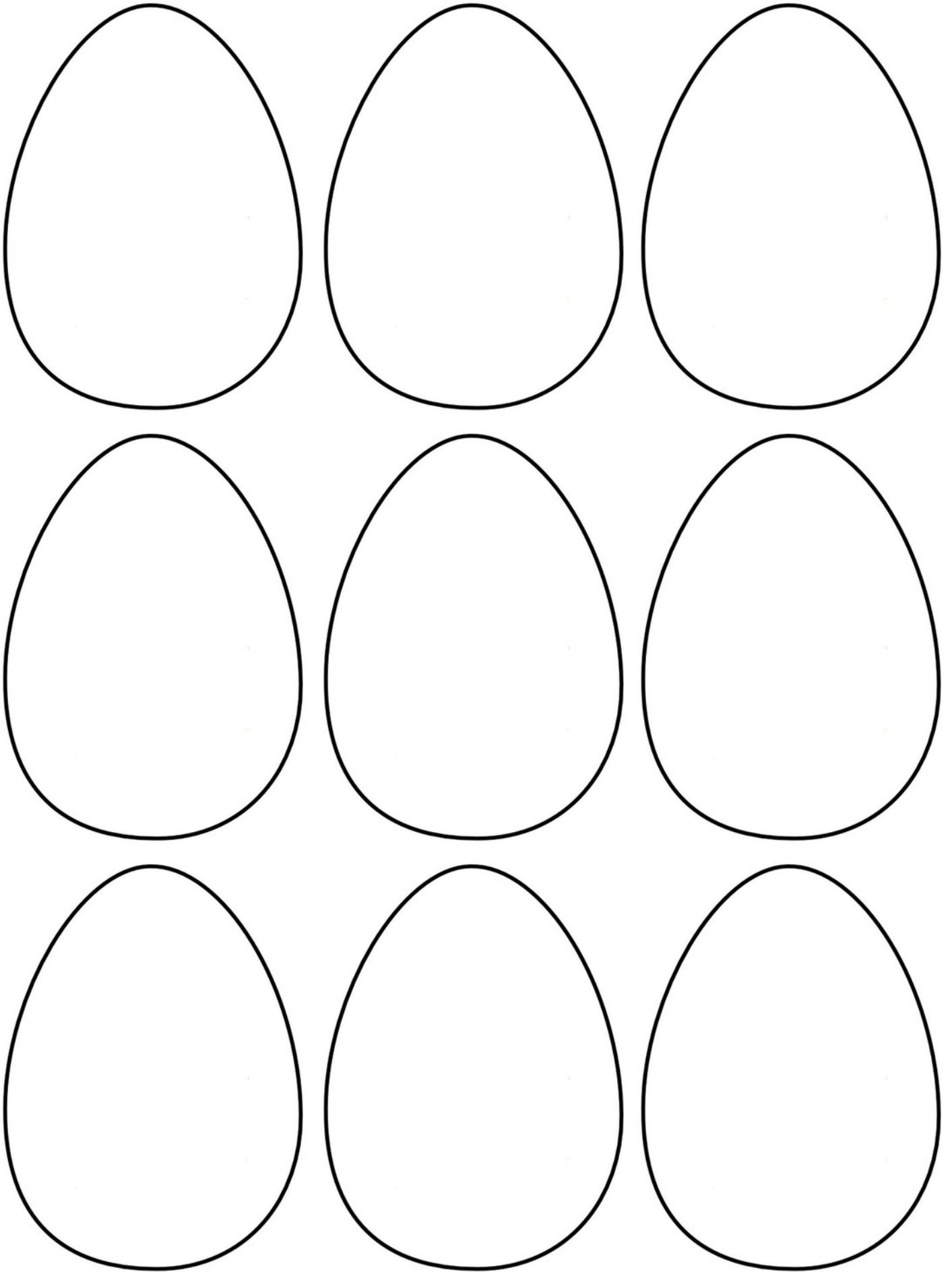




Print me out or re-draw me and colour me in.



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Design your own Easter eggs.

Egg-streme *Activities*



Egg and Spoon Race

Egg-quipment

-  Eggs
-  Spoons
-  Team mates



1

Give each player a tablespoon and egg. The egg can be plastic, hard-boiled, or even raw—though hard-boiled eggs tend to work the best. Make sure everyone who is playing has both an egg and a spoon big enough to hold the egg before they start the race.

2

Stand at the start line with the egg and spoons ready. To create the start line, you can put down a piece of rope or tape, or even just line everyone up evenly along the grass or floor. Have everyone place the egg carefully on their spoon so they're ready to go!

3

Begin the race with a specific word or sound. You can blow a whistle, wave a flag, or say the word "go!" Make sure everyone is clear about the signal for starting the race so that each player starts at the same time.

4

Go quickly to the finish line while preventing the egg from falling. Each player should walk or run to the finish line, focusing on keeping the egg on their spoon so it doesn't fall. If an egg falls off of a spoon, that player needs to return to the start line and start over again.

5

Win the race by crossing the finish line with your balanced egg first. Once you've made it to the finish line without dropping your egg, you win! Consider having a first, second, and third place winner, or giving each player a time and seeing if they can beat their own personal record.

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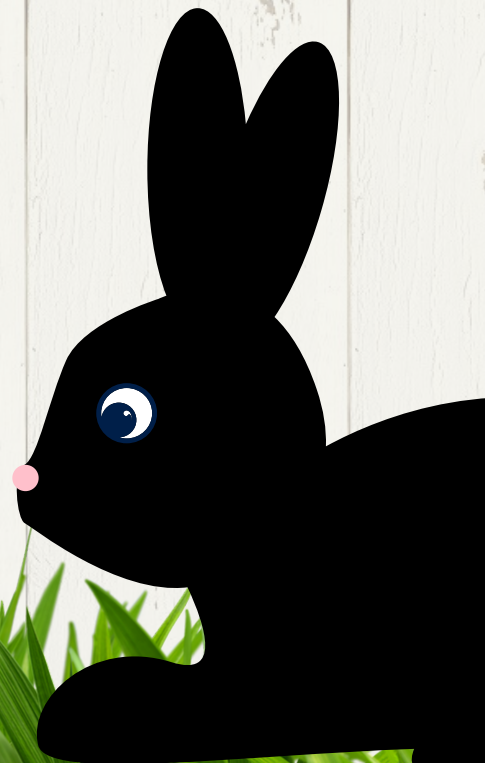
Get creative and run the race with the spoon in your mouth. You can also have a relay with team mates by passing the egg to your team mates spoon at their end. Too make things even harder, you can crawl to the other side.

Easter Egg Hunt

Egg-quipment

-  Easter Eggs
-  Basket or Bucket

- 1
Set the date
- 2
Pick a location
- 3
Hide the eggs
- 4
Ready, Set, Hunt
- 5
Count the eggs



Egg-quipment

-  Paper
-  Pen
-  12 Plastic Easter eggs



1

Write down a list of exercises on paper and number of times the exercise needs to be completed.

- 1 Somersault
- 2 Pencil Rolls
- 3 Giant Leaps
- 4 Ninja Kicks
- 5 Frog Hops
- 6 Huge Steps
- 7 Bunny Hops
- 8 Steps Backwards
- 9 Donkey Kicks
- 10 Star Jumps
- 11 Side Steps
- 12 Solider Marches

2

Cut out the exercises and place 1 in each egg.


3

Take in turns in opening an egg and completing the exercises.



Easter Egg Toss

Egg-quipment

 Eggs



1

Decide if you are using raw eggs or hard boiled eggs

2

Choose a team mate

3

Stand a couple feet away from each other

4

The person with the egg throws to their team mate

5

If they successfully catch the egg, both take a step backwards

6

Keep repeating until the egg is dropped

7

Play against another team to make it more interesting



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Chick *Flicks*

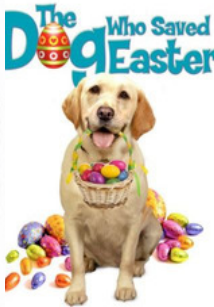


Easter Movies



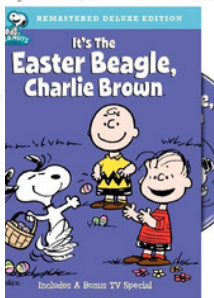
Peter Rabbit

A modern take on Beatrix Potter's 1902 Tale of Peter Rabbit, the movie Peter Rabbit (out Feb. 9) isn't specifically about Easter, though it does fit several of the holiday's themes, including mischievous rabbits and blooming gardens.



The Dog Who Saved Easter

The Bannister family is going on vacation over Easter, but unfortunately, Zeus doesn't get to tag along, and ends up at doggy daycare for the weekend. During his stay, a criminal comes in and tries to wreck the business—but the fearless pup steps in to save the day.



It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown (1974)

The Peanuts crew is back together for another holiday in this animated TV short. Peppermint Patty and Marcie attempt the art of decorating Easter eggs, while Snoopy searches for a new home for Woodstock.



Pieces of Easter

Trying to travel home for the holiday, Alza Reese Bennett ends up being stranded thanks to some car troubles. The only person around to help her out is a farmer named Lincoln James who prefers to keep to himself. Together, they set out on an adventure to get Alza to her family by Easter.



Hop

The Easter bunny's son, voiced by Russell Brand, is all grown up and pursuing a rock 'n' roll career in Hollywood in this comical coming-of-age tale.

Egg-cellent

Crack
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Easter Jokes

Where is the best place to learn about eggs?

In the hen-cyclopedia

Why did the egg cross the road?

To get to the shell station.

Why can't you tease egg whites?

They can't take a yolk.

How many eggs does it take to screw in a light bulb? Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?

None. Eggs don't have hands.

What's yellow, has long ears, and grows on trees?

The Easter Bunana!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs Bunny.

Where does the Easter bunny get his eggs?

From eggplant

What's the Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music?

Hip-hop, of course!

Why won't Easter eggs go out at night?

They don't want to get "beat up".

Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?

To prove he wasn't chicken!

What did one Easter egg say to the other?

Heard any good yolks today?

What's the Easter Bunny's favorite dance move?

The bunny hop.

It might crack up!

What do you call a mischievous egg?

A practical yolker.

What happened to the Easter bunny at school?

He was eggspelled.

What day does an Easter egg hate the most?

Fry-days.

What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?

A hot cross bunny.

What do you call an egg from outer space?

An "Egg-stra terrestrial".



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Easter

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