

Shabby Vintage Easter Eggs + Tiny Eggs

You Will Be A Needin':

Muslin

Stuffing

Cheesecloth

Twine

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Acrylic Paint: Barn Red, French Blue, Lavender,

Coffee Bean Brown

Mod Podge - Gloss (Lustre)

Small Paint brushes

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Read through all directions before beginning.

For illustrations of the different steps and techniques as well as the stitches visit my "Stitch 'n' Stuff" page on my website at <http://www.lilliemaescrafts.com>

Directions::

- #1. Print and cut out egg pattern. Trace pattern on wrong side of doubled white material with an embedded design (trace 3). Sew on traced lines; do NOT leave an opening. Cut out about 1/4 inch away from sewn lines. On back, cut a small opening for turning. Turn.
- #2. Stuff firmly and sew openings closed.
- #3. Attach a piece of thread to top of eggs (to hang for drying).
- #4. Prepare for painting. This is a method of painting that mimics antiquing of sorts. It's very sloppy. I have an old shirt that I usually change into. You will need; your 3 colors of acrylic paints, small paint brushes, three cups of plain water (one for each color of acrylic paint being used) and either a paint palette or paper plates. Dab some of your preferred color of paint onto a paper plate along with a dab of the Coffee Bean Brown. Dip your paintbrush in the water, then brown paint, then colored paint and finally paint egg.; on your next stroke dip paintbrush in water, then paint color, then brown paint, etc. Continue painting your egg in this manner being sure to add more brown paint when more of an "antiquing" is desired and adding more paint color when color is desired. When finished, hang to dry in a place where possible drippings from the egg will not cause harm (I hang mine in my garage).
- #5. Paint the other two eggs in the same manner. When finished drying; do NOT remove the piece of thread being used to hang your eggs to dry. You will need those again below in the "Decorating" section.

Decorating:

- #1. Stain your cheesecloth using the recipe and instructions given at the end of these directions.
- #2. Cut a long narrow strip of cheesecloth (enough to go around one of the eggs three times).
- #3. Hot glue the strip of cheesecloth in the manner described above (see picture for more of an idea where this goes).
- #4. Paint the entire egg with Mod Podge Lustre (gloss) including the cheesecloth. You may need to glob the Mod Podge on the cheesecloth to get it to stay; this is okay.
- #5. Hang to dry.
- #6. Do the same for each egg with the following exceptions:
 - 1) One egg has the cheesecloth wrapped around it 3 times (see picture).
 - 2) One egg has the cheese cloth wrapped around the outside of the egg (see picture).
 - 3) One egg has a cheesecloth bow glued to the front of it (see picture).

Tiny Easter Eggs::

- #1. Print and cut out the tiny Easter egg pattern. On wrong side of double material, trace 3 eggs; do NOT cut out. Sew on traced lines, etc.
- #2. These tiny Easter eggs are painted the same as above with twine being used in place of cheesecloth. Paint with color, with the Coffee Brown paint, and finally with Mod Podge...exactly as above. (The twine is NOT stained).

Staining Recipe and Instructions:

Supplies Needed:

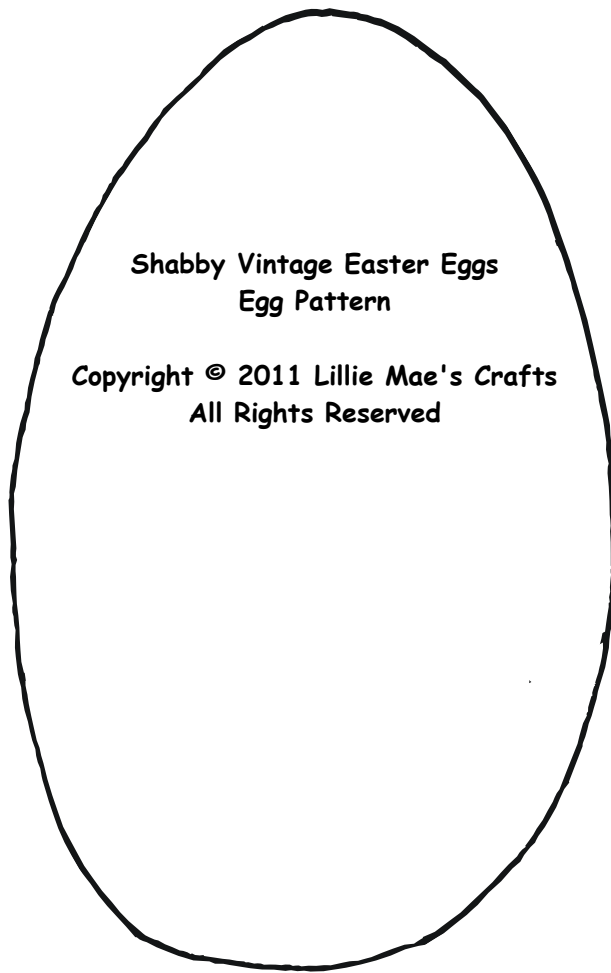
- Instant coffee
- Vanilla extract
- Fragrance oil (optional, Cinnabun is one of my favorites)
- Old cookie sheet
- Small spray bottle or sponge brush
- Funnel (if using a spray bottle)
- Wax paper or parchment paper
- Rags (this is messy)

Mix Stain:

1. Mix together in glass jar with lid - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup instant coffee, 2 cups hot water and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vanilla extract. Add fragrance oil to your taste. (HINT: You may want to add just a little at first and add more if you desire. If you add too much to begin with it may be stronger than you prefer.)
2. Pour stain into spray bottle or apply with sponge brush.
3. Spray the item you are staining front and back thoroughly or apply stain with sponge brush. Be sure to cover item completely with stain.

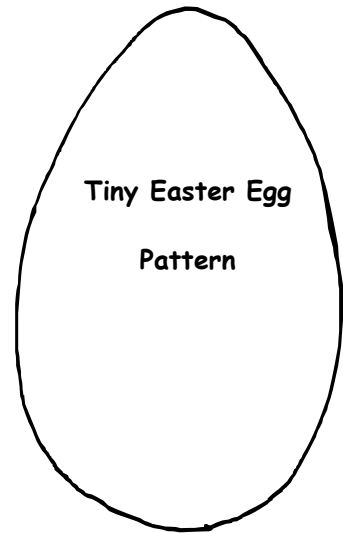
To Dry:

1. Lay on an old cookie sheet lined with wax paper or parchment paper. Bake in oven at 200 degrees for 10 minutes. If you need to bake longer, only bake at 5 minute increments. NEVER LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED. THIS CAN CATCH ON FIRE. KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY. WATCH CLOSELY.
2. Attach a piece of thread to one end of your item to be stained and hang up (hours or over night depending on the item) to dry. Be sure to hang where possible drippings from your stain mix will not cause damage. (I hang mine in my garage.)
3. Throw in the dryer. This method is great for small items. NOTE: Be sure to clean your dryer thoroughly before attempting to dry clean clothes in it again.



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Egg Pattern**

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