

Creative tip EFAPLAST „Easter eggs“



Material

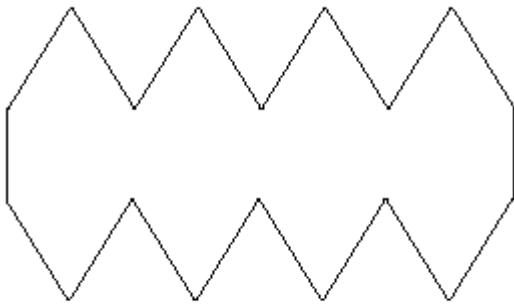


500 g Efaplast terracotta (sufficient for 8-9 eggs), 9 plastic eggs, 1 kitchen knife, 1 rolling pin, 1 tile or sheet of glass for rolling out on, 1 wooden skewer, 1 ruler, 1 bowl, 1 roll of kitchen towel, 1 sponge, white acrylic or emulsion paint, 1 sponge sander.

Step 1



Roll the Efacest out to a 15 x 10 cm large and approx. 3 mm thick sheet. Place the template on the sheet of Efacest and trace around it using the wooden skewer. Then cut the shape out using the knife. The ruler is extremely helpful for keeping edges straight.



Step 2



Wet your hands. Wrap the Eplast around the plastic egg and press the tips of the Eplast together at the top and bottom of the egg. Even out the joins so that, in the end, you're left with a smooth covering of modelling clay around the egg with no visible joins. Finally, roll the Eplast egg over the work surface again to give the clay shell a totally smooth finish.

Step 3



The egg can now be decorated. Let your imagination run wild! A flowery pattern can be made using the cap of a felt-tip pen, a 'spotty' finish can be achieved using the blunt end of the wooden skewer, a whole variety of designs can be achieved using a wooden clothes peg. The eggs also look very elegant if the shell is left totally smooth!

Step 4



Before painting, the eggs need to be placed on a transparent sleeve and left to dry for 2 days in a cool room. Turn the eggs over after 1 day so that they dry on both sides. They can now be given a patina by wiping over the eggs with white paint on a moist sponge and rubbing it off again immediately afterwards with a piece of moist kitchen towel. Leave the eggs to dry for a while and then sand over them using a fine sponge sander. The white paint mainly stays in the in-dents. Small cracks can also be made to disappear by sanding over them lightly.

Tip:

Do not leave the covered eggs to dry on radiators or in the sun as this will cause the clay to crack.

Should you want to be able to hang the terracotta eggs up, you can insert a hanger in the hole in the plastic egg before covering with Efaplast.

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