

How to make... spring flowers

Suitable for ages 7-11

You will need:

- Egg boxes
- Paint
- Scissors
- Glue (PVA or strong glue stick or a glue gun)
- Decorations (optional)
- Sticks (optional)
- Tissue paper (optional)



There are lots of beautiful spring flowers you can recreate using egg boxes. And once you have made them there is lots you can do with them. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Layered flowers

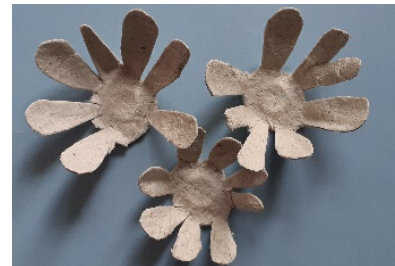
Step 1:

Cut out two or three egg cups. One should be smaller than the others.



Step 2:

Cut out petal shapes on the egg cups. You can try out different shapes on each new flower.



Step 3:

Paint each section. Use a different colour for each layer. Then leave them to dry.



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Step 4:

Glue the layers together, one on top of each other.



Step 5:

Add a decoration to the centre of your flower. You could use sequins, a button, or even a cone from the inside of your egg box.



Daffodils

Step 1:

Cut out one egg cup. Then cut out daffodil shaped petals around the edge and bend them back slightly.

Step 2:

Cut out one of the pointy cone sections of the egg box. Paint the cup and cone yellow.



Step 3:

Stick the cone into the centre of the cup with the open end showing. You could also cut thin strips of the egg box and stick them into the centre of the cone to make stamen and add more detail.



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Tulips

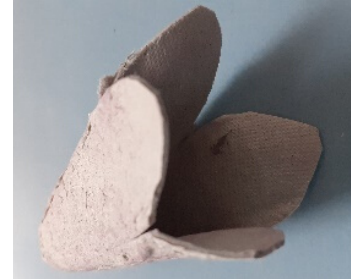
Step 1:

This method uses the pointed cone sections of an egg box. Cut them out.



Step 2:

Cut petal shapes into the open edge of the cones. Paint them and leave them to dry.



Step 3:

Use barbecue skewers, straws or sticks from outside to make stems. Paint them and leave to dry.



Step 4:

Insert the stick into the flower. Scrunch up some tissue paper and using plenty of glue stick the tissue to the end of the stem and push it into the inside of the flower to secure it.



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What to do with your flowers

Make a bunch of flowers that don't need watering and will last forever! Arrange them in a glass or vase.



Cut out the middle of a paper plate and decorate around the edge with flowers to make a pretty spring time wreath to hang up at home.



Make a greetings card for someone to bring some spring time joy into their life.



What next?

Learn about different flowers: Research real flowers and what they look like - then try to recreate them using egg boxes.

Learn about the parts of a flower: Learn the names for the different parts of a flower (petal, stem, stamen, stigma etc). Try and include some of these elements in the flowers you make.

Colour mixing: These flowers look nice when you use different tones of the same colours. Experiment mixing with paints to create these tones. We used blue, red and white paint for these flowers and mixed them to create different colours. Look at a colour wheel to help you.