

Easter Egg Eye Candy



Welcome Spring with some Easter Egg Eye Candy in your favorite designer prints. This simple craft project is a great way to add color and whimsy around your home. The eggs are not permanently affixed to the dowels so you can change them around as you please. Add buttons and other embellishments to suit your mood.

(Fabrics shown above are from various collections by Jennifer Paganelli for Free Spirit.)

Supplies

- Quilting cottons - Scraps measuring at least 4 and 5 inches square
- Fusible Fleece - Scraps measuring at least 4 and 5 inches square
- Perle Cotton - Size 8 and embroidery needle
- Decorative buttons
- Wood base with pre-drilled holes and dowels (available at craft stores)

Instructions

Cut 8 small eggs and 2 large eggs from fusible fleece.

Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse fleece to fabric scraps.

Pair fused pieces so that you have a total of 4 small eggs and 1 large egg. With wrong sides together and eggs aligned, cut each pair of eggs with pinking shears around the entire egg. Good lighting will make all the difference.

Optional: Blanket stitch around edges instead of pinking. Leave an opening in the bottom of the egg large enough for the dowel to be inserted.

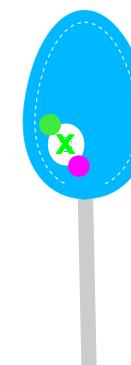
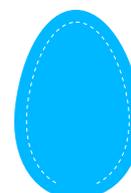
With perle cotton and an embroidery needle, stitch around egg using medium sized stitches. Stitches should be approximately 1/8 of an inch from edge. Leave an opening in the bottom of the egg large enough for the dowel to be inserted.

Attach decorative buttons as desired on each of the eggs. Sew or use a clear drying glue suitable for fabrics, such as Aleene's Tacky Glue.

Trim dowels to varying lengths.

Carefully slide each egg onto a dowel through the opening in the bottom. Arrange dowels as desired in base.

Add ribbon or silk flowers to base for extra decoration.



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Pattern Pieces for Easter Egg Eye Candy



Small Eggs

Cut 8 of fusible fleece



Large Egg

**Cut 2 of fusible
fleece**

Alternatives to predrilled wood and dowel kit :

Option 1

You can make your own wood base by drilling holes into a small block of wood. Holes should allow dowels to fit snugly inside. Sand and paint the block. Allow to dry. Sand and paint dowels. Allow to dry.

Option 2

Obtain a piece of floral foam and narrow dowels or sucker sticks. (Sucker sticks are found with candy making and cake decorating supplies.) Cut the floral foam to fit into a container of your choice.

Arrange the dowels in the floral foam so that they are of varying heights. Add your eggs to the dowels. To cover the foam add shred fill in a coordinating color. Shred fill is usually sold with baskets or gift wrap supplies at your local craft store.

