Ambrosia Eggs

Materials

- styrofoam egg (mine was 2-5/16" x 3-1/16" but any similar or larger size will work)
- decoupage glue (such as Mod Podge)
- fabric to cover egg front
- fabric to cover egg back
- small straight pins
- ribbon (about 3/8" width for the egg above or wider if your egg is bigger) to hide the "seam" and make a bow for the top
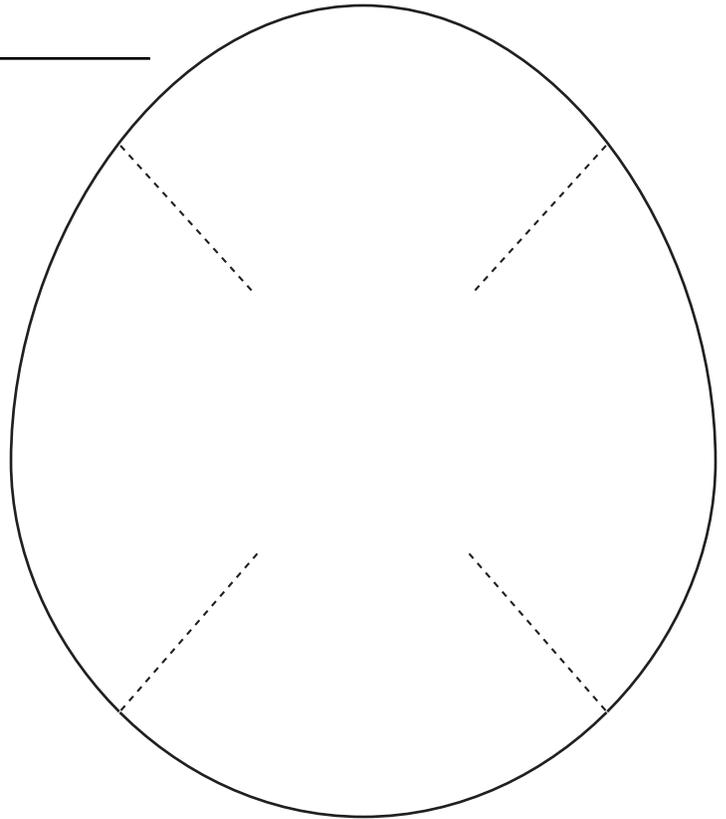
Fill your easter basket with these colorful, no-sew goodies!

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Fabrilicious Egg

Instructions

1. Mark the center of the egg vertically with a pencil. To do this, tie a piece of string around the egg vertically and adjust it until it divides the egg in half. Makes a pencil line around the egg where the string is. Remove string.

2. If you have an egg that is the same size as mine, use the pattern on the left to cut out the front piece of fabric. If your egg is larger, take the front fabric and pin it onto the egg, sticking the pins through the pencil line into the styrofoam. Make pencil marks on fabric where pins are located. Remove fabric and pins. "Connect the dots" to form an egg shape. Cut out front fabric. (If you are making multiple eggs, you may want to make a paper pattern of this shape.)

3. Cut out the back fabric using this same shape, adding a 1/4" margin around the edge.

4. Cut "darts" at four points on the egg shape, as shown by dotted lines in the diagram on the left. You don't have to be exact. This will just help you smooth the fabric around the egg.

5. Cover the BACK of the egg with decoupage glue. Smooth the back fabric over the egg. (The fabric should extend about 1/4" past the pencil line. I glued the sides down first and then over-lapped the top and bottom, but you can really glue it anyway you'd like, as long as you make sure to keep the "darts" closed so that none of the styrofoam is exposed.) Let dry.

6. Smooth out any rough edges by pressing them in with your finger. The styrofoam allows you to push ridges into the egg.

7. Position the fabric onto the front of your egg by pinning through the top, bottom, and sides, making sure to overlap the back fabric. Glue. Let dry. Smooth out any rough edges.

8. Cut a piece of ribbon that is long enough to run completely around the egg, covering the seam. Push a pin through the center point of the ribbon, into the bottom of the egg.

9. Stretch the ribbon up each side of the egg, completely covering the seam. Press a pin at the midpoint of each side of the egg. Clip the ends of the ribbon so that they slightly overlap at the top of the egg. Push a pin into the top of the egg, through both ends of the ribbon.

10. Make a small decorative bow. Secure to the top of the egg with a pin. (At this point you many also choose to add a hangar, using a pin that has been lightly coated with glue.)

11. Enjoy your fabrilicious egg!

Step 7, pinned and ready to glue