

Easter Egg String Art

Materials:

- newspaper
- apron or paint shirt
- bowl
- fabric stiffener
- pastel crochet thread
- scissors
- 9" balloon
- plastic cup
- $\frac{1}{4}$ " ribbon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ " ribbon

Instructions:

1. Cover workspace with newspaper. Put on an apron or paint shirt. (This is a messy project!)
2. Blow up a balloon (or have an adult blow it up) and knot it.
3. Cut five-foot-long pieces of pastel crochet thread.
4. Pour fabric stiffener into a bowl.
5. Dip a piece of thread into the fabric stiffener. Soak it well, then squeeze off excess stiffener.
6. Hold one end of thread and the knot of the balloon in one hand. With the other hand, begin wrapping thread around the balloon in a criss-cross pattern.
7. Repeat step 6 until balloon is well covered.
8. Set the balloon knot-side-down in a plastic cup and allow to dry overnight.
9. When the crochet thread is completely dry, pop the balloon and pull out the pieces.
10. Cut out the egg pattern (next page). This will help you cut the string in an egg shape.
11. Carefully place pattern onto the string sphere and cut out egg shapes. A 9" balloon makes about 8 eggs.
12. Cut an 8" piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ " ribbon and thread through top center of egg. Tie the ribbon ends together to make a loop.
13. Make a single bow out of the $\frac{1}{2}$ " ribbon and glue to the top center of the egg.



