

# *Easter Activities*

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## **Introduction**

The old saying “good things come in small packages” is an apt description of this holiday booklet. This book contains many projects and ideas for making Easter a wonderful time of the year. Learning opportunities abound in these pages which include a literature-based teaching unit and several creative art projects. While participating in these enjoyable activities, children can experience and share the feeling of holiday spirit.



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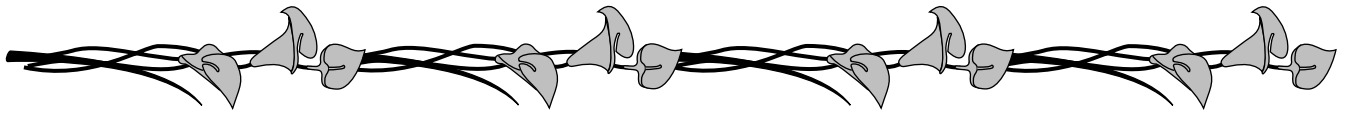
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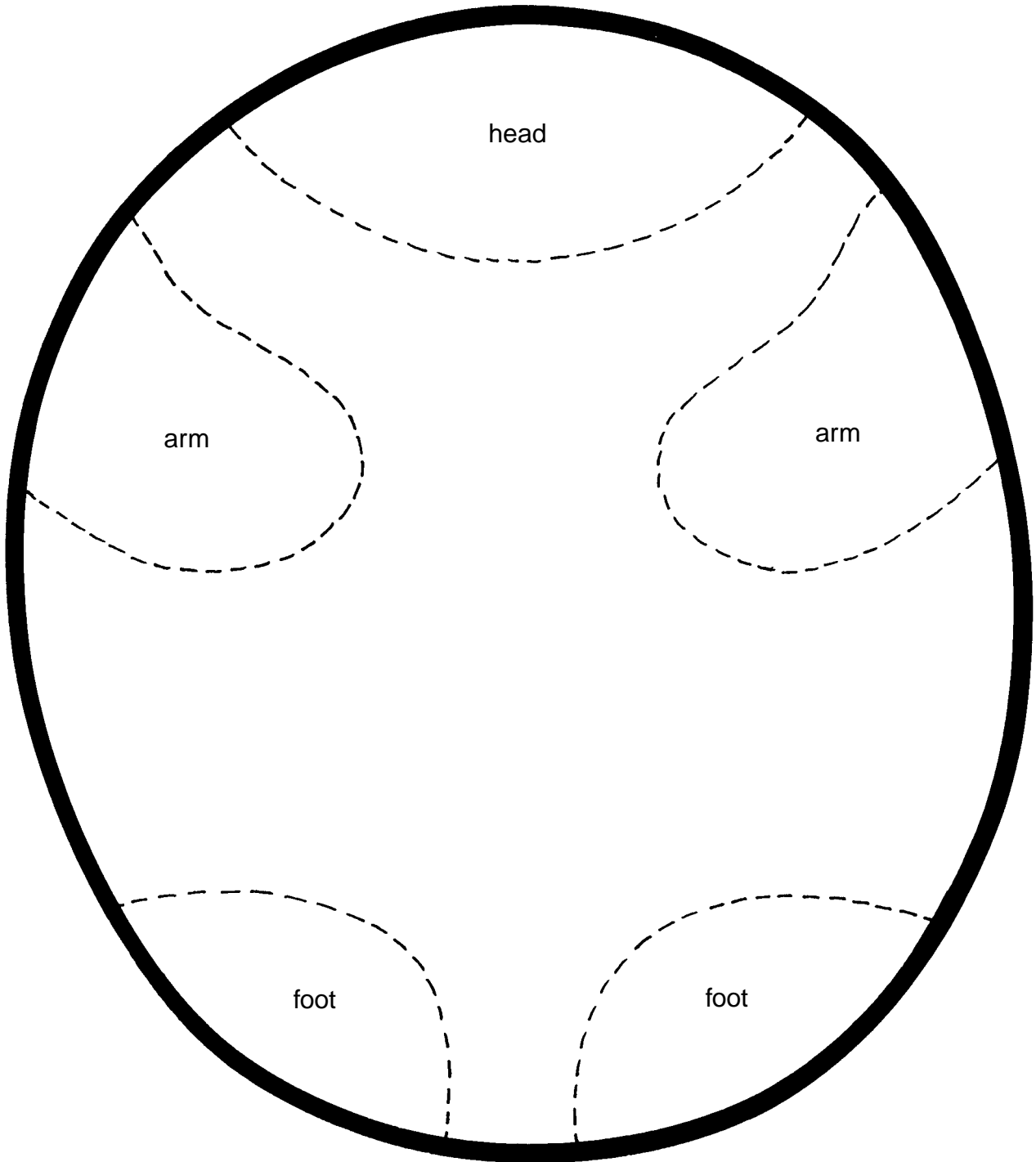
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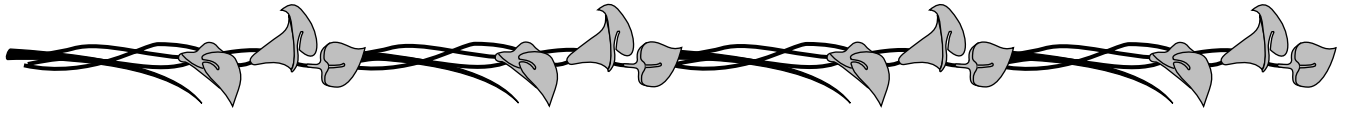
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# Build a Bunny *(cont.)*





# Egg-stravaganza

## Confetti Eggs

These eggs are a colorful addition to an Easter basket. They are lots of fun to use in an egg toss. Simply arrange two lines of people facing each other and have participants toss the eggs back and forth. Move the lines farther away from each other after each turn.

### Materials

- Eggs
- Vinegar
- Large spoon
- Confetti
- Straight pin
- Bowls
- Egg cartons
- Tape
- Food coloring

### Directions

1. Poke a small hole in one end of the egg and a larger hole at the other end. Very carefully blow the contents of the egg out of the shell and into a bowl.
2. Gently place the shells in bowls of vinegar mixed with food coloring. Soak the shells until they are dyed. Use a large spoon to remove the eggs from the bowls. Place the eggs on upside-down egg cartons and allow them to dry completely.
3. Slightly enlarge the hole at the end of each egg. Fill the eggs about half full of confetti. Use tape to close the hole in each egg. For a more finished look, the holes can be covered with tissue paper that is dipped in egg white to make it stick to the shell.



## Naturally Dyed Eggs

After dying these eggs clean a plastic berry basket. Weave lace through the holes in the basket. Place the dyed eggs in the basket for a pretty Easter treat.

### Materials

- Hard boiled eggs
- Onion skins (tan dye)
- Saucepans and water
- Carrots (orange/peach dye)
- Large spoon
- Coffee bags (for yellow dye)
- Egg cartons
- Beets (pink/red dye)
- Frozen spinach block (green dye)
- Plastic or Styrofoam® containers, one for each color dye
- Blackberries (purple dye)

### Directions

1. Separately boil the spinach, blackberries, onion skins, coffee bags, beets, and carrots until each saucepan of water is brightly colored. If only one saucepan is available, be sure to thoroughly clean it after each dye is made.
2. Carefully drain the colored water from the food items into plastic or Styrofoam® containers.
3. Gently place each hard boiled egg into a container of dye. Remove the eggs from the dyes, using the large spoon.
4. Let the eggs dry on upside-down egg cartons.