



Easter Egg Dye Guide

Guide to Coloring and Decorating Eggs

Egg decorating is both fun and easy. Here's a step-by-step guide:

Supplies Needed

- Hard-boiled eggs, cooled
- Food-safe dye or natural coloring agents
- White vinegar
- Cups or bowls for dye
- Spoons or tongs
- Paper towels or drying rack
- Optional: crayons, stickers, rubber bands, glitter (ensure all materials are non-toxic if consuming the eggs)

How to Dye Eggs

1. Prepare the Dye:

- For each color, mix half a cup of boiling water with one teaspoon of vinegar and 10-20 drops of food coloring in a cup or bowl. Adjust the dye intensity by varying the amount of food coloring.

2. Decorate the Eggs:

- **Solid Colors:** Submerge the egg in the dye for 5 minutes or until the desired color is achieved. Use a spoon or tongs to remove the egg and let it dry.
- **Patterns:**
 - *Crayon Resist:* Draw designs on the egg with a wax crayon before dyeing. The wax will resist the dye, leaving your design visible.
 - *Rubber Bands:* Wrap rubber bands around the egg before submerging it in dye to create stripes.
 - *Stickers:* Place stickers on the egg before dyeing. Once dry, remove the stickers to reveal the design.

3. Advanced Techniques:

- **Marbling:** Add a tablespoon of vegetable oil to the dye. Gently roll the egg in the mixture for a marbled effect.
- **Ombre Effect:** Gradually dip the egg deeper into the dye, allowing different parts to absorb varying intensities of color.

4. Drying and Display:

- Place decorated eggs on a drying rack or paper towels. Once dry, they can be displayed as centerpieces or hidden for an egg hunt.

Mix for Added Colors:

- ORANGE = 17 yellow + 3 red
- RASPBERRY = 14 red + 6 blue
- PLUM = 10 red + 4 blue
- PURPLE = 15 blue + 5 red
- TEAL = 15 green + 5 blue
- MINT = 12 green + 4 yellow + 2 blue
- LIME = 15 yellow + 5 green

Here's a video from McCormick Spice on how to create "To Dye For" Easter Eggs

https://youtu.be/eQiQIDghegQ?si=GPYCGzTA_mnK1QQU