

Egg-sactly what pattern is that?

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Materials:

- A bright array of rainbow and pastel colored construction paper.
- scissors
- glue sticks
- pens

Directions:

- Run off egg template on white construction paper.
- Cut a variety of bright and pastel construction paper strips the width of a ruler.
- For ease of cutting, on a paper cutter, I make a template and then run off the strips.
- I made mine 1 inch wide, but sometimes when you print from a scanned PDF, the template comes out a tad smaller, so make sure that your strips are the same width as your egg template.
- Make some samples of a variety of patterns: ABAB, ABCABC AABB ABBA etc.
- · Review patterning with your students.
- . Children decide what pattern they are going to make and choose their strips accordingly.
- Rub glue on the template and then place a strip down. (I've taken a picture of how this looks with an ABC (red-orange-yellow) pattern. I started in the middle so that you could see the egg shape, but students should start at the top.
- After they have completed their pattern, have them flip over their egg so that they can trim off the ends.
- · Students write the pattern on the front of their egg.
- If you want to dangle them from the ceiling, punch a hole in the top, add a yarn loop and hang them back-to-back so that all sides look nice.
- They also make a colorful bulletin board. Your caption can be: Egg-sactly What Patterns Do You See?
- or "Egg-citing Patterns From Mrs./Mr. _____ class."
- I've also included a rip and tear egg template, so that your students can put all of the ends of the paper strips in a pile.
- Children select whatever colors they want, and rip and tear them into a pile.
- . They then rub glue all over their egg template and press the pieces on the top.
- These too can be flipped over and trimmed, so that their shape is more egg like.
- · You can hang these along with the larger eggs for even more pizzazz.









