

Egg Shell Technique on a Gourd

Tools and supplies			
	Tweezers		Embossing powder
	Q-tips		Exactor knife/box cutter
	Baby wipes		Black paint (or other color)
	Make up sponge		Sealer (gloss or matte finish)
	Egg shells		Emery board and sand paper
	Paper towel pieces		Heat tool or hair dryer

- Please watch Maria Dellos' video of technique, it will give you an idea how to prepare your shard or gourd. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2qPo7cf7Os> and watch how to remove the egg's membrane <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XK5JtX6Z4gc>
- Prepare gourd or shard with an area you would like to add the egg shell technique.
- Mask off either side of the Egg shell area to avoid getting surrounding area dirty.
- Apply tacky glue to a small area with flat brush or Q-tip. Use a moderately thick layer of glue.
- Take a chunk of egg shell and place it immediately on to the glue and press with your finger covered with a baby wipe. Press, firmly, so you will feel and hear the egg cracking.
- Using baby wipe on finger wipe off any glue that is unnecessary.
- Take knife and clean up area over the burn line. Press knife into the grove and gently cut through the egg. We will be doing more of this when glue is set later.
(if egg shell comes off don't panic! Add more glue to "naked" area and use your tweezers to place a small piece of egg shell to fill in the spot. Use your tweezers to press down to crack the egg shell. If you use your finger, chances are that more egg shell will stick to your finger and dislodge.)
- Finish designated egg shell area following above steps
- After about 5-10 min glue should be hard enough to clean up egg shell margins.
 - Take a dry flat paint brush and gently brush the top of the egg shell to move away any loose pieces.
 - Use emery board on edges of shard to clean up un-needed length.
 - Gently dry the area with hair dryer or heat tool.
- Now is a good time to add embossing powder and other paint while glue is drying. Remember to blow away from the egg area so powder does not stick.
- Now take your black paint and put a small amount on a piece of wax paper, paper plate, or lid and gently pick up paint on the very ends of the bristle. Pounce and wipe paint into egg shell cracks. Wipe top color with paper towel.
 - Use hair dryer to gently dry paint. (note: if you over heat the glue will soften a bit but will reharden, so don't worry. Don't toast your egg shells!
- If you like it your done. Yeah! Seal your shard or gourd with desired finish.

