

Method

Preparation:

Before decoration, the eggs must be blown. To blow an egg, hold it over a dish and pierce the shell, and membrane, at the top and bottom with a large darning needle.

When the hole is large enough, blow the egg out of its shell. The shells should be washed in hot soapy water to remove any traces of grease.

Dyeing:

1. Dissolve correct amount of dye (see reference chart) in 500ml/ 1 pint of boiling water in a saucepan. Add a few drops of vinegar.
2. Place egg shells into saucepan. Simmer. The blown eggs will float, so to ensure they are evenly coloured, stir regularly and cover with dye solution using a spoon. Check regularly and remove when required shade is achieved.
3. Rinse in cold water and dry with a soft issue or kitchen paper.

Decorating:

1. For stripes, spots and patters place eggs in the lightest colour first and dye for 20 minutes.
2. Once first coat of dye is dry, apply art masking fluid for water colours with a paintbrush to those parts you wish to remain the original colour.
3. When masking fluid is dry, place into second dye colour (as above).
4. Allow to dry thoroughly.

Colour Number / Amount of Dye Powder to Use Per 500g/1lb of Fabric:

Colour Number	02, 09, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 32, 33, 34, 39, 44, 53	05, 07, 17	08
Amount of Dye Per 500g/1lb of Fabric	10g	12g	16g