

## How to Make a Washi Egg

Prepare an egg by piercing the ends to make a small hole and blow out the egg contents. (If you are planning to use the egg contents for cooking later, be sure to keep tools clean and sanitary.) Rinse out the egg shell until water runs clear. Dry for 2-3 days.

### Tips:

1. A small piece of transparent tape on each end of a room temperature egg helps to minimize any breakage of the egg shell beyond the hole that you are trying to make. The contents of the egg are easier to blow out at room temperature, and the tape might not adhere well if there's condensation on a cold egg.
2. Small precision Philips screwdrivers (Jewelers set) help to drill small holes. Use the smallest size 1.4mm first and then enlarge to the #1 size.
3. Use small straw to blow out the contents. It is easier and more sanitary.
4. Can you speed up drying in an oven or microwave (15-30 seconds).
5. Or you can eliminate this step by using plastic Easter eggs. Advantages are that these are quick, easy, clean, and uniform in size. Disadvantages are that the middle seam might show a little bit and the plastic is more slippery to work with.

Cut a piece of washi paper to 3.5" x 6". Cut on the die with printed side of the paper face down against the die. The basic size of the die template is 3.25" x 5.7". You can adjust this to a smaller egg by re-positioning the cut washi paper back in the die to re-cut and change the height size.

Just place the cut paper back into the "tracks" of the die and extend the tips of the "picket fence" past the edge of the die by the amount that you want to trim off. Then crank the die and washi paper through for a second time.

The width or circumference can easily be changed by trimming off a "picket" on the fence. Note that washi paper can stretch and mold to the egg which makes it ideal for this project.

Start gluing by using a rice paste or waterbased glue on the middle section of the die cut and wrap it around the middle of the egg. Check to see that the positioning is correct so that the tips on each end will reach the middle center point of both the top and bottom ends of the egg.

Apply more paste or glue to the pickets and tips. Slowly lay each picket down on the egg, working methodically in either a clockwise or counter-clockwise pattern.

If you are going to add an ornament hanger to the top, you don't need to be as precise since the top hole will be covered by the fixture.

Once the egg is completely wrapped, let it dry before adding a coat of lacquer which will seal and strengthen the finished egg. Any Mod Podge or decoupage type sealer can be used.

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**You can purchase the Washi Egg Die from:**

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