



## Confetti-Filled Eggs are an Easter Surprise

For those who've dreamed of cracking an egg over a certain someone's head, here's your chance. Real eggshells filled with bright confetti create loads of Easter fun – and quite a mess!

***Mom's Tip: Make confetti eggs only if outdoor activities are planned!***

### **You'll need:**

- Raw Eggs, Large or Jumbo sizes work best
- Table Knife
- Toothpicks
- Markers or Easter Egg Dye (we like the shake-bag style dye kits best for this project)
- Paper confetti (2 cups per dozen eggs)
- Tissue paper cut in  $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares (optional)
- Glue Stick (optional)

### **Step 1: Empty Egg Shells**

Rinse eggs under warm water and dry. Using the knife, break the shell at one end to create a hole about  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in diameter. Discard the broken shell. Poke a small hole in the opposite end of the egg using a pin or ice pick. From the large hole, break the yolk with the toothpick and let the egg run out. Rinse shells thoroughly under warm water and let dry. Store shells in egg cartons until time to use.

*Note:* Begin collecting shells a few weeks prior to Easter to have plenty in time for the holiday. If emptying several dozen eggshells at one time, the raw eggs can be frozen in an airtight container.

### **Step 2: Decorate Eggs**

Kids can carefully decorate eggshells using markers, or eggshells can be dyed using any egg dye kit. Kits designed to apply color by shaking the egg in a plastic bag work best for coloring empty shells. Let eggshells dry thoroughly before stuffing with confetti.

### **Step 3: Stuff Eggs**

Place the paper confetti in a large bowl. Hold the eggshell over the bowl and stuff confetti into the eggshell through the large hole. This is where kids' small fingers come in handy! Place filled eggshells upright in egg cartons until time to use. Option: Finish the eggs by gluing a small square of colored tissue paper over the hole to secure confetti.

*Note:* Paper confetti is recommended since it quickly disintegrates for minimal cleanup.

### **Step 4: Have Fun!**

Crunch, smash or toss eggs to release confetti for colorful Easter fun for all ages. While toddlers from two to three years of age will enjoy the confetti-egg activity, do keep the broken shells and confetti out of the reach of smaller children who might place it in their mouths.