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Half Dozen Creative Dyeing, Decorating, Coloring Tips for Easter Eggs

Ohio Egg Experts Advise Consumers of Easter Egg Best Practices, Offer Ideas to Reinvent Holiday Leftovers

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Many families traditionally use hard-boiled eggs for classic Easter traditions including egg hunts and egg rolls. To celebrate the holiday, Ohio’s egg farmers are sharing unique DIY coloring, decorating and crafting tips.

“Eggs have been part of springtime traditions for centuries – both for decorating and consuming,” said Jim Chakeres, Ohio Poultry Association executive vice president. “The Easter season is one of the peak periods of demand for eggs. Consumers who purchase Ohio-produced eggs can be confident the eggs they buy are safe and of the highest quality, because Ohio egg farmers make egg safety a top priority.” According to the American Egg Board, Americans ate more than 2.7 trillion eggs in 2017, which represents a 1.9 percent increase in demand since 2015.

A favorite Easter tradition is decorating and coloring eggs – fun for all ages and a great project for the entire family. Whether a beginner or an egg-spert, go beyond the traditional dyed eggs with these creative Easter egg ideas:

1. Make perfect [easy-peel hard-boiled eggs](#) this Easter — every single time. Purchase and refrigerate eggs one week to 10 days prior to cooking as very fresh eggs can be difficult to peel. This brief “breather” allows the eggs time to take in air, which helps separate the membranes from the shell.
2. Take one cup of boiling water, 1 teaspoon of vinegar and 20 drops of food coloring to create an egg dye. Make sure to soak the hard-boiled eggs for five minutes, and let the eggs dry completely before beginning decorating.
3. After dyeing the eggs, switch things up by creating some egg-squisite [designs!](#) Give eggs polka dots, cover them in glitter or try wrapping them in ribbon.
4. There are an endless number of Easter [craft ideas](#) when it comes to decorating eggs. Try making Easter Egg Shell Flowers, Cascarones (confetti filled eggs), Rainbow Nest Eggs or Eggshell Planters.
5. Wash hands between all the steps of cooking, cooling, dyeing and decorating. If eggs crack during dyeing or decorating, throw them away. Also, throw away any eggs that have been out of the refrigerator more than two hours.
6. Dyed Deviled Eggs are the perfect dish to add an extra pop of color to your dinner table! Check out how easy they are to make with these [step-by-step](#) directions. Eat uncracked, refrigerated hard-boiled eggs within a week of cooking them.

When Easter is through, and the egg hunt is over, get creative with the leftover hard-boiled eggs by trying these delicious recipes:

- [Chocolate Deviled Eggs](#) - For a dessert that will have everyone talking long after the last egg is gone, bring this dessert to the table.
- [Smoked Salmon Egg Salad Sandwiches](#) – This recipe features a smoky, spicy flavor using Greek yogurt to cut calories, without sacrificing taste.

- [Creamy Egg and Potato Casserole](#) – Use leftover hard-boiled Easter eggs to make an easy, creamy Egg & Potato Casserole for brunch.

Ohio is one of the largest egg farming states in the nation, producing more than 9 billion eggs each year with a value of more than \$1.2 billion. Ohio egg farmers make egg safety a top priority and are proud to provide Ohioans with high-quality, wholesome eggs.

For more information and additional recipes, visit www.ohioeggs.com.

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