

HEART EGGS

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The concept of making a heart using two eggs was first shown to me by Betty Lou Yomtob during a visit to the States. Betty Lou was a wonderful teacher who was only too eager to pass on hints, tips & techniques that she had acquired during her many years of eggging. Thelma Wilber of Big Rapids, MI, originally wrote the technique instructions that Betty Lou passed on to me, however I am not aware of who originally thought up this concept. Making hearts is an ideal way to use up all those pointy eggs you have sitting in the cupboard.

SELECTING THE EGGS

The most important requirement for making heart eggs is to have two eggs of the same size and shape and probably the best time to check these out is at the beginning of the season when you have a variety of eggs to choose from. If you are lucky enough to have a constant supply from a farm you will find that usually the eggs from a particular goose are about the same size & shape. As we all know, this isn't always possible so it just a matter of measuring each of the eggs from top to bottom and also around the girth. A pair of callipers makes this a much easier task.

PREPARING THE FIRST EGG

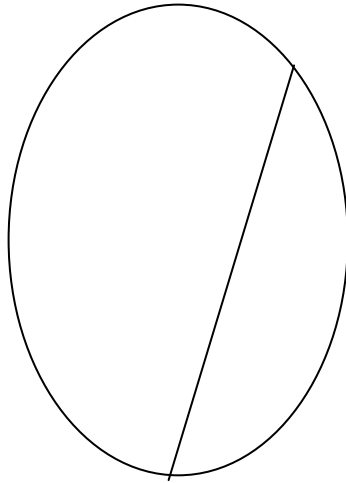
1. Divide the eggs into four - lengthwise. With the fat end to the top, mark down approx 2.5 cm (1") from the centre top on the side vertical line.
2. Place a mark just to the left of the centre bottom and then draw a straight line from the top mark to the bottom one. (see diagram 1) This will eliminate the hole at the bottom.

Note: for a more pointy heart use the centre bottom point for the bottom of the egg.

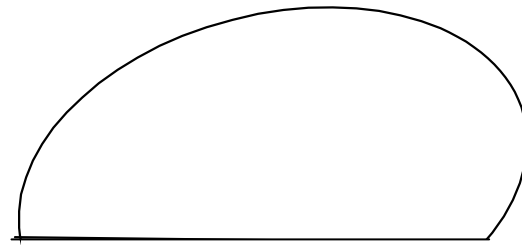
3. Cut off the smaller part of egg #1. Make sure this cut is straight by placing the egg on a flat surface. Adjust where necessary before proceeding to the second egg.

MARKING THE SECOND EGG

1. Use egg #1 as a template and place on second egg. Using the cut edge of egg #1, mark around egg #2.
2. Cut and discard the smaller section of the second egg.
3. Use 5-minute epoxy to glue the two cut pieces together. Allow plenty of time for the glue to dry.
4. Mark & cut egg using the design of your choice.



Egg #1



After cutting, put on flat surface
to check it is level

