

SPRING BASKET

Marking the egg

1. Divide the eggshell into quarters. Draw an oval on the front center line and also on the back center line. Draw a horizontal line around the egg at the top and bottom of the oval. See Fig. 1 Draw a line or second oval $\frac{3}{16}$ inch from the first oval to allow for trim. On each side second draw lines about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch apart for the lattice cutting. See. Fig. 2 for side view.

Cutting the egg

1. Cut the lattice cutting first. Don't try and do this too fine or it will be too fragile. After the lattice cutting is done cut out the two oval openings. Be careful as the egg is very fragile.
2. Clean all the loose membrane from the inside and especially from the lattice sides as you want them to look nice and smooth from the outside.

Painting the egg.

1. Fill the top and bottom hole before painting. Paint the entire outside of egg the desired color. Paint the lattice sides only on the inside. After the paint is dry spray with a matte sealer. Glue pearl flakes in the inside but don't glue them on the lattice sides. Seal the pearl flakes with a coat of Mod Podge.

Decorating

1. Glue a row of gold cord around the oval edge, followed by a row of rhinestone trim and then another row of gold cord. Also glue a row of gold cord at the top and bottom of the lattice side. Glue flatback rhinestones at each corner of the lattice sides.

Quail egg basket

1. Paint a quail egg the same color as the goose egg. Seal with the matte sealer.
2. Glue a row of gold cord, a row of rhinestone chain and a row of gold cord up towards the fat end of the egg. See Fig. 3. After you have the trim on cut away that fat end which will leave you the part that looks like a little vase or basket.
3. Glue the quail egg to a gold finding that will act as a stand.

Assembling the basket

1. Braid three pieces of gold cord about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches long and then epoxy to the inside side of the quail egg for a handle.
2. Make a variety of flowers for your basket using metal flowers with the jewelled pins, pearls, rhinestones or whatever you have handy to make the arrangement. Bread dough flowers or silk roses would also be nice. Glue the flowers into the basket with silicone.
3. Drill a hole in the center top of the goose egg big enough for a chain to fit up through.

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4. Using a jump ring attach a 5 inch piece of chain to the quail egg basket. Put the chain up through the hole in the goose egg. Glue a flat gold finding to the top of the goose egg and a cupped finding on top of that. Make sure the holes are large enough to get the chain through. Using a jewelled headed pin put it through a crystal ball and then attach it to the chain. This will then sit in the cupped finding on top of the goose egg.
5. The chain is free so that you can pull your little basket to the inside of the goose egg or you can stand it on the outside by itself.
6. Glue the goose egg to a little stand.

Parts List

- 1 goose egg (small is better)
- 1 quail egg
- 1 ft. rhinestone chain
- 2 yds gold cord
- 2 gr. ss5 rhinestones
- small stand for goose egg
- finding for stand for quail egg
- crystal ball
- 5 inches of chain
- metal findings for goose egg top
- Various finding for flower arrangement

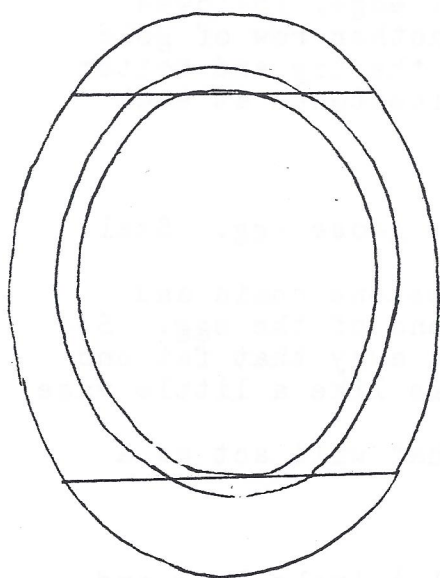


Fig 1

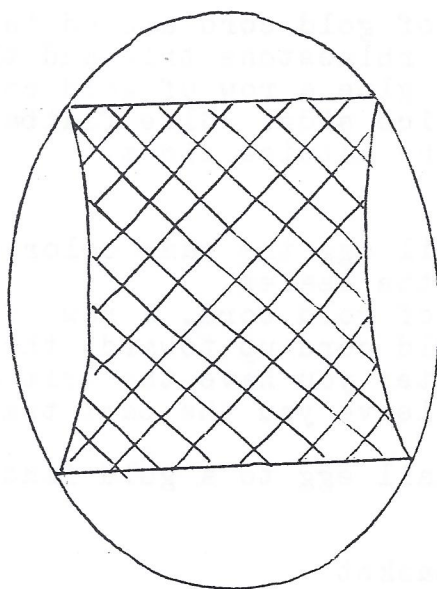


Fig 2

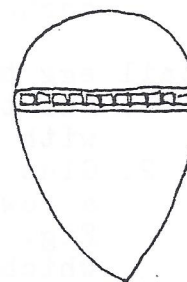


Fig 3

