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BLEEDING HEART

Marking the eggshell

A regular size goose eggshell was used for this design. A tall slender one would be good for this design. With an egg marker divide the eggshell into 16th's. Then make a 1¼inch circle on the top and bottom. Measure from the top circle to the bottom circle and divide into approximately 9 sections. These sections should be about ½" Draw a circle around the eggshell at each of these marks. Now draw in the trellis lines. See Fig. 1. Trace the pattern onto tissue paper or tracing paper and place on the center front line. Just mark the outline now and then erase all of the trellis lines within this outline. Do the same on the center back line. Now trace the bleeding heart design on both front and back. You can make this as a hanging egg but if you are going to have the front door open then measure a border 3/16" all around the front design. This will allow for trim and a hinge. With a permanent ink pen mark all of the bleeding heart design both front and back and the door outline. Also mark the top circle and the bottom circle of the eggshell.

Hingine & Cutting

First of all cut where the hinge will go. With epoxy glue on the hinge. Next score all of the trellis lines. Then do all of the filigree cutting in the bleeding heart design. The last thing you do is cut the door free. Very carefully clean out the inside of all loose membrane. Wash all of the pencil marks from the outside. Let dry.

Painting

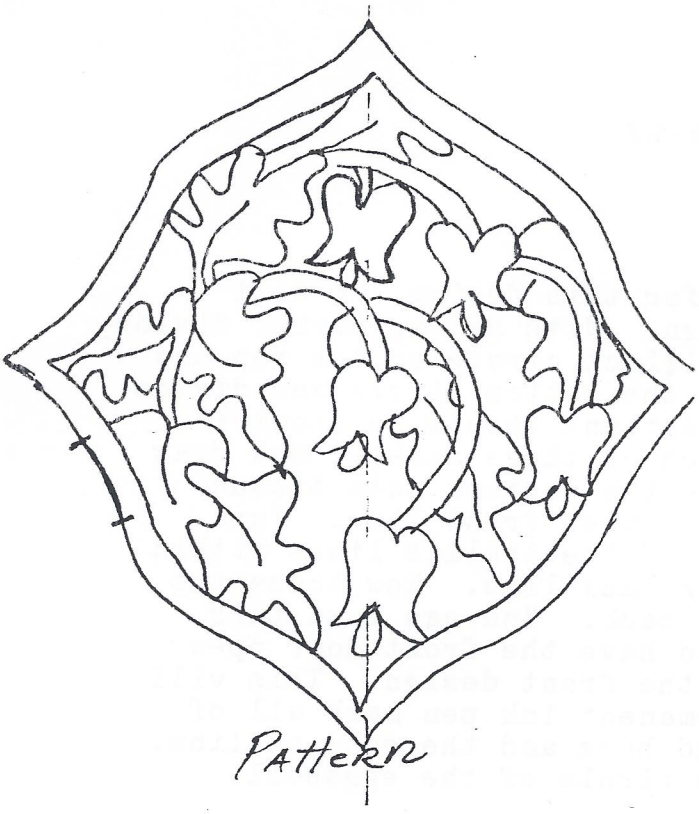
Paint the main body of the eggshell a pale pink. Paint the bleeding hearts red with yellow center. Paint the leaves green and the stems brown. Seal with a spray matte sealer. On the inside of the main body and also of the door glue pearl flakes. Smooth them down with the finger tips and then seal with a coat of Mod Podge.

Decorating

Working on the door first glue a row of gold cord on the edge. Next glue a row of Red rhinestone chain followed by another row of gold cord. On the main body of the eggshell around the door opening glue a row of gold cord. Glue a row of this same gold cord around the design in the back. Next outline all of the bleeding heart design with a fine gold cord on both front and back. Glue this same fine gold cord on the trellis lines.

On the bleeding hearts glue a few ss5 red rhinestones. On the leaves glue a few ss5 Olivene rhinestones. Do the stems solid with brown metallic cord. Glue a few no hole pearls to the centers of the bleeding hearts.

Glue the finished egg to the egg stand. Glue the finial to the top. Glue the stand to a corion base. Make a cardboard platform for the inside and then glue to the bottom of egg inside. Glue in the figure of your choice.



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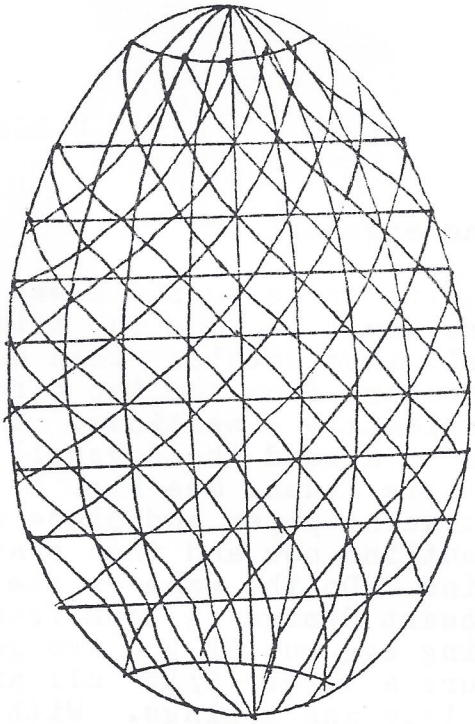

Fig 1

Outer line for front door.
Inner line for back design

Parts List

1 regular goose eggshell
1 hinge #60075/2 (S. LeVan)
1 yd #092-2575 gold cord (Trims II)
5 yds 60202/1 gold cord (S. LeVan)
1 ft. Siam rhinestone chain #100 (S.LeVan)
2 gr. ss5 rhinestones Siam
2 gr. ss5 rhinestones Olivene
1 gr. no hole pearls
1 eggstand 44-3201 (Trims II) or 3201 (Golden Egg)
1 corion base (Barbara Gabrielli)
Parts for finial
Optional: Pla dough figure (Marge Peeler)