



Character Eggs

Whimsical eggheads are everything they're painted-up to be — you give them their own special personalities and expressions. Nutty or serious, they're ever so willing to serve nicely on desks or book shelves. Wouldn't a "Humpty Dumpty" be delightful in a child's nursery? Dress them up pretty with ruffly crepe paper collars and smart looking hats — then add a bow or two for good measure. They're a gregarious sort, so make them in pairs and groups, because even egg-heads need buddies!

MATERIALS

Empty chicken eggs, white or brown
Poster paints or colored felt tip pens,
for faces

Crepe paper
Super tacky white glue
¼" wide Ribbon

Wire, 26 ga.
Trim as desired
Egg carton

DIRECTIONS

1. Paint a face of your choice on the egg with poster paints or colored felt tip pens. Some suggested faces are shown below.
2. RUFFLE: Cut a 2¼" x 16" strip of crepe paper; the grain should run along the 2¼" width.
3. Fold over 1" of the 2¼" width and gather tightly onto a 6" piece of wire. Twist the ends of the wire tightly together to hold. This forms a round, fluffy ruffle.
4. Glue the bottom of the egg head into the ruffle.
5. HATS: Make a 3½" high cone shape hat for a clown or a stovepipe hat with a 2¾" dia. brim and a 1½" crown or a fluffy ruffle bonnet. Glue to the top of the head. See colored photo for ideas.
6. Add a small ribbon bow to the front of the neck ruffle and any desired trim to the hat.
7. Cut a square from the bottom of an egg carton cup and glue as a stand to the underside of the ruffle.

