

10 inch egg gourd by Carole Sheftic

Prep....for doing inside of bunny with removeable egg.

Clean outside of gourd by soaking in warm water and then scrubbing with a plastic or metal scrubby.
Let Dry

DECIDE IF YOU WANT IT TO BE A STAND ALONE DECORATION OR CUT OUT THE EGG SHAPE FOR A CANDY CONTAINER!

Paint the entire gourd with two coats of white gesso. This helps the top coat adhere to the slick gourd surface. Let dry. (No longer cool to the touch)

If you are doing the stand alone Bunny turn to Page 3 (Done in class)

You may cut the egg out before or after you have her decoratively painted...but I suggest cutting it out before you come to class and having the insides completely finished.

1. Carefully cut out the egg shape with an Xacto knife, hand saw or micron saw.
2. Sand the edges of the egg and opening smooth.
3. Scrape the insides clean. Sand rough areas if needed.
4. Paint the edges and back of the egg with a coat or two of gesso. Let dry.
5. Tear the thin paper into 2 or 3 inch irregular pieces. I like to tear ALL the way around each piece for better adhesion.
6. This part is messy. You may want to put on disposable gloves
7. With large brush Spread Modge Podge or white glue generously on one section of the inside of the gourd at a time
8. Immediately take a piece of the torn paper and brush front and back with MP or glue. With the right side up, place the glued paper over the glued area in the gourd. Brush over the piece to seal it in place.
9. Repeat overlapping each piece until the entire inside is covered. Try not to miss any areas of raw gourd.
10. I left the pieces of glued paper hang outside the hole and then trimmed when the glue was completely dry.
11. Go back and check and add more pieces if needed.
12. I did the same with the inside of the egg cut out.... leaving paper to hand over the edges and then trim when completely dry.
13. When completely dry I checked again for missed areas...they show up better at this point. Glue some fresh pieces over the missed areas if needed.
14. Save a few pieces of the paper. You will need them to cover holes later.
15. Trim the extra paper away from the edges of the egg and the opening.