

Spring Chicks

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Supplies

In Kit: 2-inch foam ball, yellow paint, glue, orange pipe cleaner, orange paper, white paper, pen, toothpick, paintbrush

Additional Supplies: scissors

Instructions

Step 1: Gather supplies and prep workspace.

Gather all your supplies and prep your workspace by putting down a paper towel, newspaper, scrap paper, or piece of parchment paper to protect your work surface and for easy cleanup.

Step 2: Paint your foam ball.

Before you begin, poke the toothpick into your foam ball. This will help you hold your ball while you paint. Using your paintbrush and the yellow paint, evenly paint your foam ball and let it dry. Repeat as needed until the ball is completely coated and little to no white is visible. Remove toothpick. If you have access to a hair dryer you can use that on a low setting to speed up the paint-drying process. Ask an adult for help and be sure not to get too close to your foam ball when using a hair dryer.

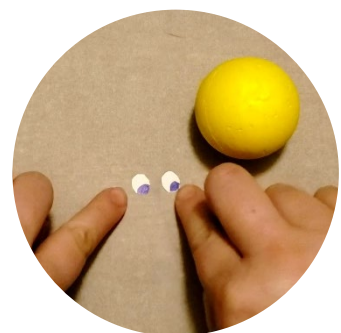
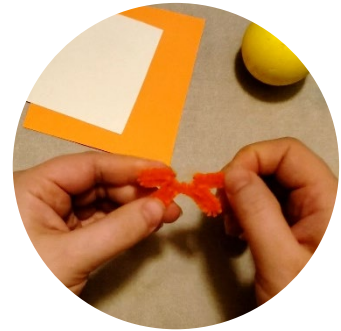
Step 3: Make the feet.

To create the chick's feet, you will need the orange pipe cleaner. First, find the center of the pipe cleaner by folding it in half. Next, fold one end of the pipe cleaner three times in a zig-zag pattern. You can use the tip of your finger as a guide. You should have two "toes" now on that side. Repeat this process at the other end of the pipe cleaner.

Step 4: Cut out eyes and beak.

To create the eyes of your chick, fold the white piece of paper in half and use your pen to draft a circle or oval shape. Carefully cut out the circle while the paper is still folded in half. You should have two circles when you are finished. Draw pupils on the eyes using the pen. If the pen mark is visible after cutting it out use the side where pen marks are not visible. Set the eyes aside for now.

To make the beak fold the orange paper in half and use the pen to draw a triangle where the fold is the third side of the triangle. Cut slightly inside of the pen marks you made. Do NOT cut the fold. When folded this piece will be the beak. Set the beak aside for now.



Step 5: Glue on the beak, eyes, and feet.

First, glue the orange beak you made to your ball using the paintbrush to brush the glue where you want the beak to go. Apply glue so the bottom portion of the beak is stuck to the yellow foam ball. Next, glue the eyes on just above the beak. Last on the bottom of the ball glue on the orange pipe cleaner feet.

Step 6: Add the wings and tail feathers.

Now it's time to add the wings and a tail using your yellow feathers. First, start by deciding how long to make your wing and cut two feathers to that size. Glue these feathers on both sides of your ball. Be sure to only glue the bottom tip of the feather in place so the rest is left loose. Repeat this step with the tail feather and glue it to the back of the ball.

Step 7: Add a feather floof (optional).

If you wish, you can use one of the feather trimmings from the wings to add a little floof to the top of your chick's head. To do this, find a feather trimming from the wings and cut it to the length you want your floof. Use the toothpick to make a small hole on the top of your chick, add a dab of glue to the whole, and insert your feather floof. Allow all glue to dry.

