



# Fun with Eggs

Decorate, experiment, and cook with eggs while learning about life on an egg farm.



Poultry farmers raise chickens for their eggs or meat. A female chicken that is raised for eggs is called a **laying hen** or a **layer**. Farmers provide laying hens with food, water, and shelter. The hens lay eggs every day for about a year. They take breaks to rest and build up strength before they start laying eggs again. Some farmers collect, sort, clean, cool and package the eggs, which are then loaded onto refrigerated trucks and sold to grocery stores and food companies. Other farmers collect and send their eggs to a special processing plant which does all of these steps for the farmer.

To watch a video about an egg farm in Maryland click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y5kxnq9h).

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To read about 9-year-old Cole & his family's egg farm click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y48qfsmt).

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To learn how to cook eggs six different ways click [here](https://tinyurl.com/yxhf56px).

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To watch the video *10 Amazing Egg Experiments* click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y5wqoqwj).

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## Flower Egg Holders

These colorful egg holders can be used to decorate for Easter, Mother's Day, or any spring day!

For this activity you will need: toilet paper tubes, colorful paint, paint brushes, colorful patterned paper, glue, scissors, eggs (plain or colored)

1. Paint the inside of the toilet paper tubes and let them dry completely.



2. Cut the colorful paper to the size of the toilet paper roll. Glue it to the outside of the roll. Let it dry.



3. Cut strips about halfway down the tube.



4. Bend the strips back a little bit and set an egg in the middle. Add leaves if you like.



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