

Crafty Little Thing: Tulle Pom Pom Decorations

I love trying my hand at new things and, when I have the time, I love to have a go at crafts.

With my parents 60th Birthday party looming on the horizon, I have been trying to find cheap and pretty ways to decorate the hall they've hired.

The Tulle Pom-Poms are just the job for making an impact and on the cheap!

I intend to hang them from string which will be draped from one side of the hall to the other.

So, here you go, a 'HOW TO' tutorial for Tulle Pom-Poms...

You will need...

– A spool of Tulle in the colour of your choice

(6 inch wide Tulle is what I used and it normally comes on a 100 yard long roll – I got mine off eBay)

– Scissors

– Some hard back books of varying sizes

How to do it...

- Measure out 50cm of tulle and cut it. This will tie the pom-pom and hold it together, as well as acting as a hanger/tie so you can hang your Pom-Poms up.
- Pick up your book and wrap the tulle around it 25 times (do this long ways on the book, not horizontally)
- After you've wrapped the material around 25 times, cut the Tulle off the spool so it is free from it and carefully remove the wrapped Tulle from the book.
- Pick up your 50cm piece of Tulle and use it to tie the wrapped Tulle in the middle. I did 2 knots to make sure it was secure. It should now look like a bow...
- Push your hand through the first looped end of Tulle and, using your scissors, cut it so the ends splay out.
 - Repeat for the other end.
- Now unfurl the tulle and tease it out so that it makes a nice ball shape.

And there you have it! Tulle Pom-Pom decorations, fit for any wedding or party!



You can view my video below (filmed by my 7 year old!) to see how I did it...

1. [TullePoms](#)

Do let me know if you have a go at these Tulle Pom-Poms and share your photos with me over on my [Facebook](#) page!

Crafty Little Thing: Glittery Recycled Bottle Vases

I have been making some glittery bottles as table decorations for my parents 60th birthday.

We wanted to put something on the tables to make them look a bit more interesting but we also didn't want to spend a lot of money.

I came up with the idea after seeing some jam jars on Pinterest which had been covered in glitter and used as decoration around the home. I then thought that used glass bottles would work in the same way and gave it a go.

Thankfully they came out ok and we are going to use them as stem vases grouped into a little display in the centre of each table.

Cheap, pretty and easy to personalise!



What you will need...

Some clean glass bottles with the labels removed (I did this by soaking them in water and then giving them a bit of a scrub with a rough sponge)

A bin liner

An old shoe box

A large tub of glitter in your choice of colour

Some spray glue/adhesive (available in Hobbycraft and most other craft stores such as The Range or online)

Some real or silk flowers

How to do it...

- 1 – Lay your bin liner on the floor outside or in a very well ventilated place, like a garage with the door open.
- 2 – Take a glass bottle and put one of your fingers inside it to steady it/move it around
- 3 – Spray the bottle with spray adhesive
- 4 – Place the glue covered bottle in the shoe box (with your finger still inside it to steady/maneuver it) and sprinkle with glitter until covered.
- 5 – Place on a clean bit of bin liner to dry.

6 – Repeat for the other bottles.

7 – Once dry, pop in your single stem real or fake flower and arrange as you desire!



And there you have it! Easy peasy and cheap too!

Have fun and make some in different colours!

If you have a go at this craft, do share it with me on my [Facebook](#) page!

Dinosaur Week! Day 3 – Crafty Little Thing: Edible Dinosaur Eggs!

“Eat your Greens!”



...that's what my Nan always used to say. And my mum. But did I
listen as a kid?

Nope. But I think I might have found something green that the
kids will like to eat...and for once it isn't a load of green
m&m's! Win!

I was a real fuss-pot eater as a child and now I am a mum, I
can't help but feel karma has back back around to bite me on
the posterior.

My boys, all 3 of them, are quite fussy. The eldest is coming out the other side of it now, thankfully, and the middle one is still fussy but ate dried, edible worms the other night at dinner so I can only assume he is beginning to see the light too! (Yes really, he did. [You can read more about that here](#)).

As part of my [Dinosaur Week](#) (in association with [Stickerscape](#) and [Kali Stileman](#)), I am going to show you all how to make eggs (a brilliant, nutritionally packed food) more 'kid friendly'. To us adults, they probably look pretty gross but, trust me on this one, to a fussy 6 year old, the thought of eating these was so cool he tried them for the first time without a quibble.

Success!

So, here is my edible craft activity for Dinosaur Eggs!
Perfect for picnics, school crafts, lunchboxes and birthday parties!

[via GIPHY](#)

You will need...

As many eggs as you wish to cook

(I only did 2 because only my two older ones would eat these)

A saucepan

Some water

Some Green food colouring

(I used Gel colouring as the colour is more vivid but liquid colouring would also work)

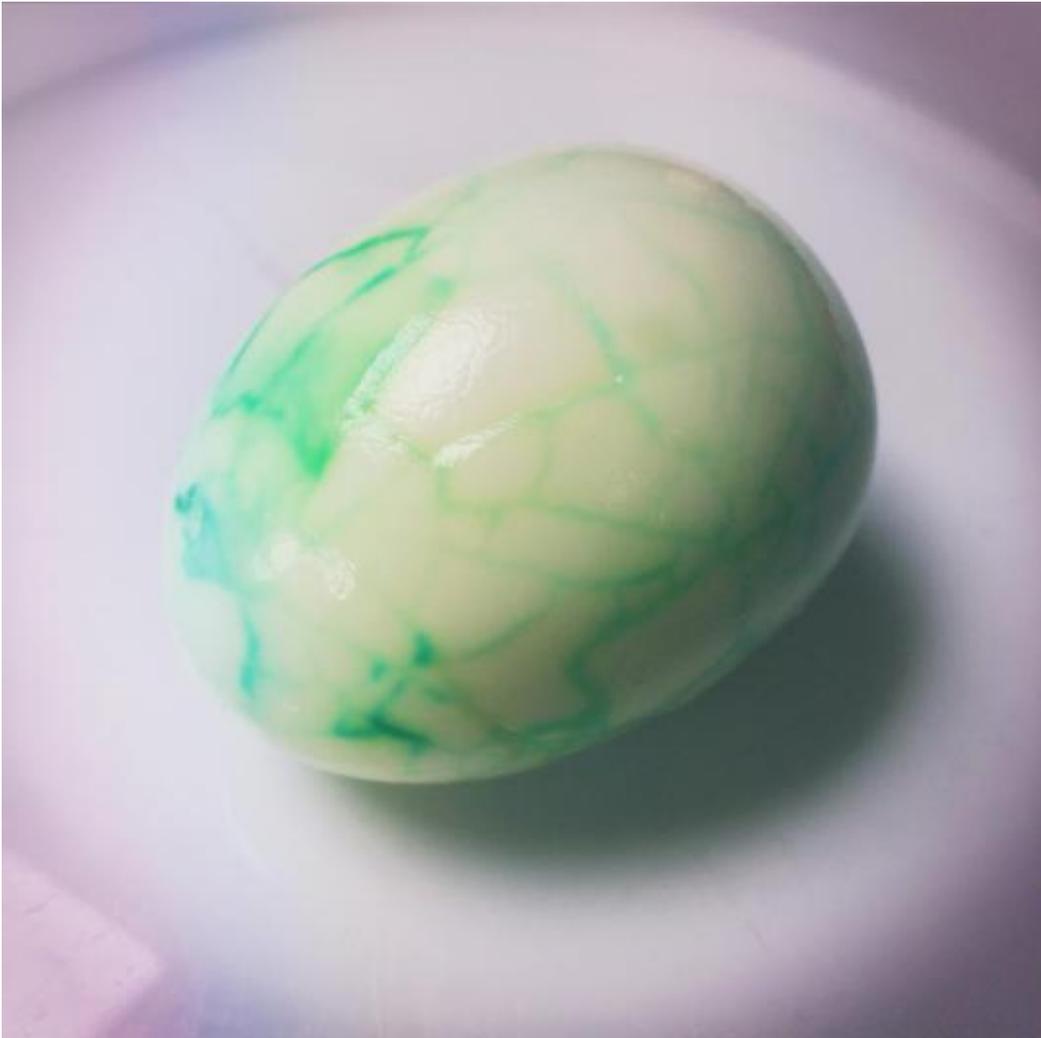
How to do it...

- 1 – Place your eggs in a saucepan.
- 2 – Fill the pan with water until the water is 1 cm above the top of the eggs.
- 3 – Place on the hob and bring the water to the boil.
- 4 – Once boiling, turn down to a gentle simmer and cook for 7 minutes. This will give you a hard boiled egg.
- 5 – Once cooked, remove from the hob and run the eggs immediately under cold water to stop them cooking any further.
- 6 – Once cooled, gently crack the shell on the eggs BUT DO NOT BREAK THE SHELL OR PEEL IT OFF!! You just want to cause cracks on the eggs surface. Squeezing the cracked egg gently in your hand will help loosen the cracks a bit more.
- 7 – Now place your eggs back in the saucepan and fill with cold water, up to 1 cm above the eggs again.
- 8 – Add your green food colouring to the water and gently stir until all the water is green.
- 9 – Leave the eggs to sit in the green water for 6 minutes.
- 10 – Remove from the water and peel the shell off the egg.
- 11 – Gently dab dry the eggs with some kitchen towel and place in a container ready to eat!

And there you have it!

Edible Dinosaur Eggs, fit for any packed lunch or birthday party!





if you have a go at these Dino eggs, do let me know over on my [Facebook](#) page or by tagging me on [Instagram](#), @lifeisknutts

Now, off you go! Get cracking!

You can get 20% off all [Kali Stileman](#) wall stickers at [Stickerscape](#) until 10th October 2016 by entering the discount

code DINOKALI at the checkout.

Disclosure; This post is part of my Dinosaur Week with Stickerscape and Kali Stileman. I was sent some Wall Stickers to review. All words, thoughts, opinions and ideas are my own.