



World book day - 7th
International Women's Day - 8th
Mother's day - 10th
St.Patrick's day - 17th
International Day of Happiness - 18th
Easter - 29th - 31st March

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CONNECTIONS



MARCH

Let's explore the month of March together in this Crafting Connections pack.

How will you be spending World Book Day? Will you be sharing stories that you love or dressing up as your favourite character? This would be a great picture to include in your March snapshot.


Let's hear it for the girls! This month we see International Women's Day and Mother's Day in the same week. Can you think of someone special you would like to celebrate?

Some people celebrate Easter. Will the Easter bunny be paying you a visit? Perhaps you'll have something yummy to eat, like chocolate eggs or hot cross buns. If you have any special plans for the Easter weekend be sure to share them with your friend or tell them about any other traditions you have.

“ Our residents look forward to getting their monthly packs, but it's not just about the artwork, it's about the friendships they've built up. Care home staff ”



YOUR CHALLENGE -

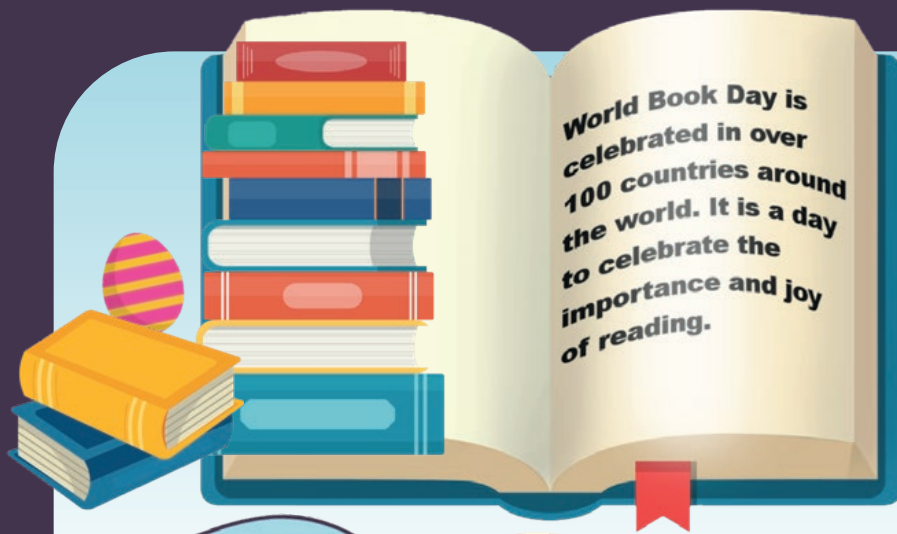


Decorate the Easter egg using paint or colouring pens/pencils. You could get creative and cover it in tissue paper or add bits to make it sparkle.

Remember this is just for inspiration. You could create something entirely different if you prefer. Whatever you choose to create will bring joy to your friend.

Tips for the grown ups

The Easter bunny has hidden some eggs throughout this pack - how many can your child find?



The world's largest Easter egg hunt had half a million eggs!



St. Patrick's Day is the national holiday of Ireland. The Shamrock is a symbol of this special day, the 3 leaves stand for faith, hope and love.



We asked -

We asked our older Crafting Connections to share what events they enjoy celebrating during the month of March.



Delia told us about her traditions on St. Patrick's Day, she said, *"I like to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a drop of Irish Cream."*



It seems Michael has a sweet tooth as he told us, *"I love Easter eggs. I once got 10 Easter eggs."*

Friendship stories

We love sharing stories about special friendships, here's one between Joan and Maude. Resident Joan told us, *"I love the friendship I have built up with Maude and look forward to hearing her news and receiving her picture every month, it always makes my day"*.

Her friend Maude will be happy to hear this, as she said, *"I enjoy helping people who may be lonely"*.



Would you and your pal like your friendship to be featured in one of our packs? To appear in a future pack and on our website, nominate yourself and your friend! Email hello@craftingconnections.org.uk

Want to send extra goodies to your friend, like photos or other craft? Scan this QR code to find out what is (and isn't) OK to include.



Remember - 1st April is your last posting date
(your friend can't wait to see what you create!)

Share with us!

Use #CraftingConnections and tag @together_proj on Twitter and Instagram or 'The Together Project' on Facebook. Or, email hello@craftingconnections.org.uk

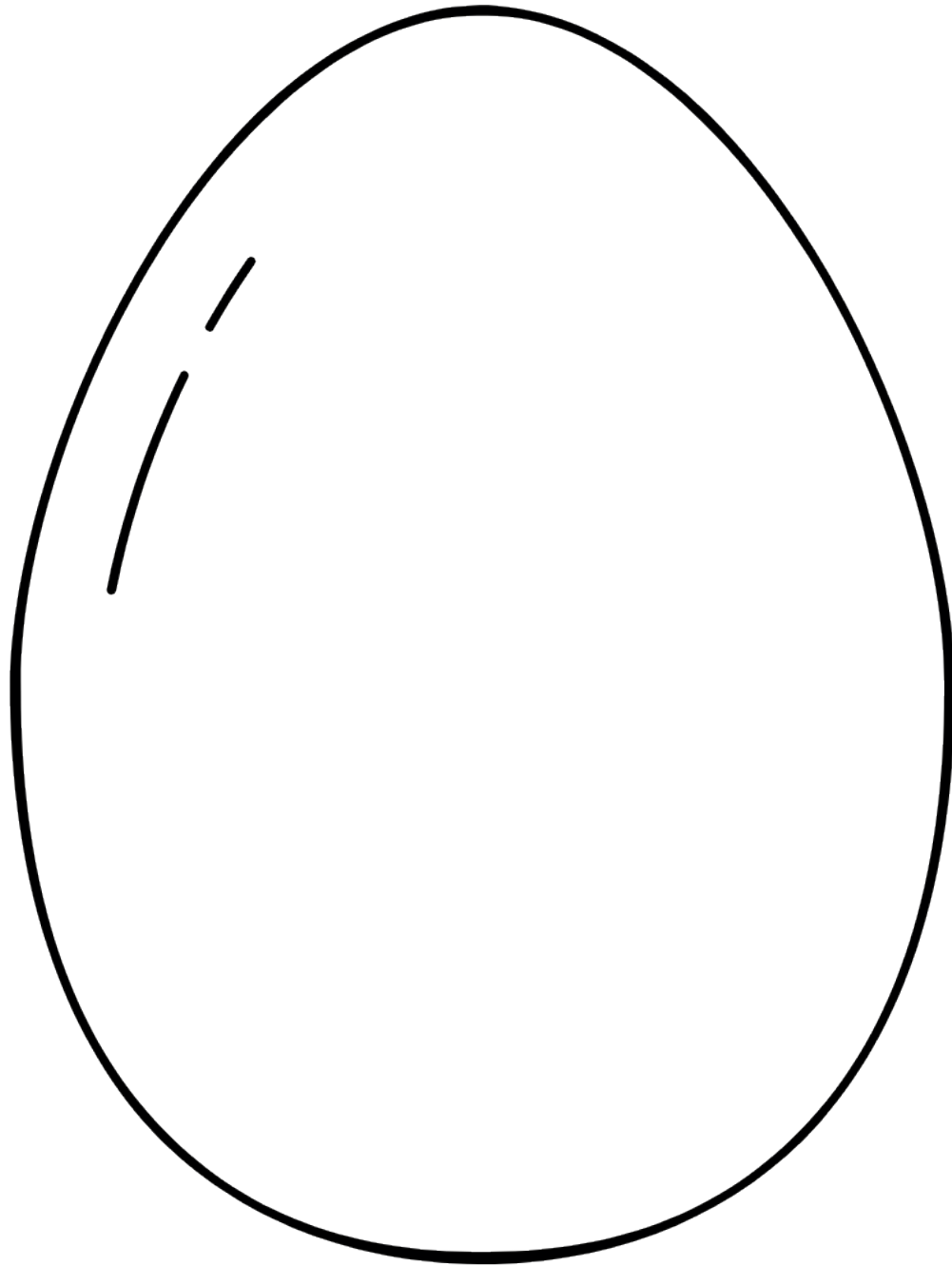
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Here's my Eggsellent Easter picture.

By:



Let your friend know what is your favourite thing to eat at Easter time? Do you love chocolate or prefer something different?

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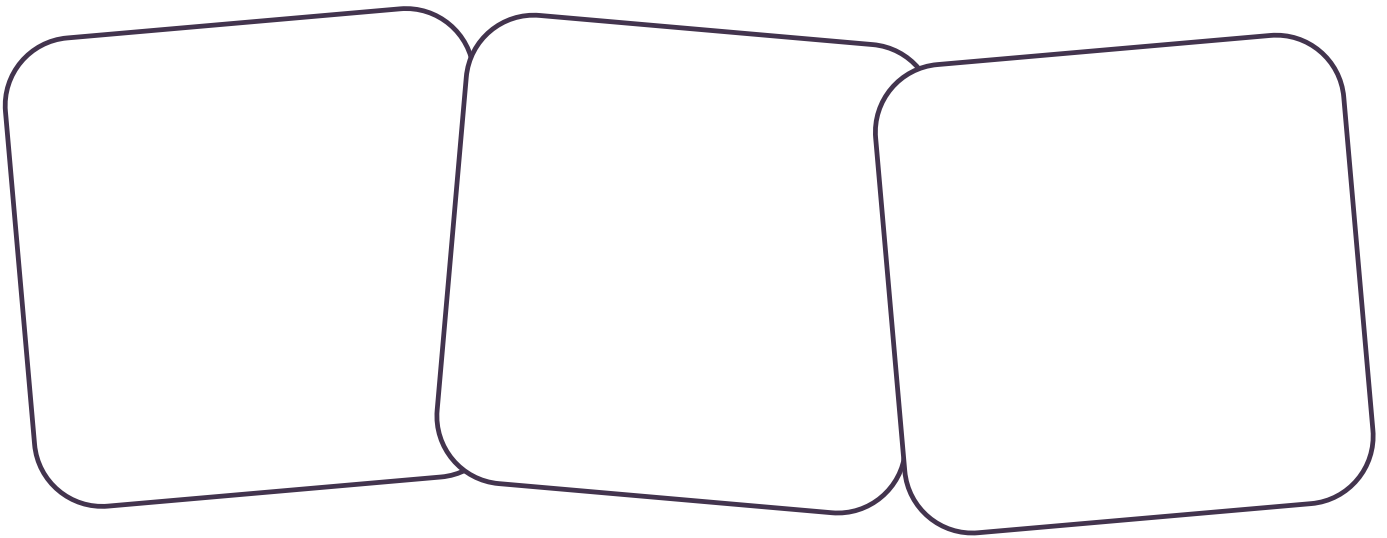
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My ID Number is (look on the front of your friendship folder)

A snapshot of my month!

Share a peek into your life with your Crafting Connections friend. Describe what you have been up to this month. Feel free to add photos or draw pictures in the space provided below.



ASK & TELL

Answer your friend's questions here, then ask them something else.

You asked me:

My answer:

Here's a new question for you:

Make a bookmark!

Save your place in your favourite story by creating a colourful bookmark, or send it to your friend to use.

Remember to always use scissors safely, ask a grown-up to help you with this craft.

Instructions

You will need...

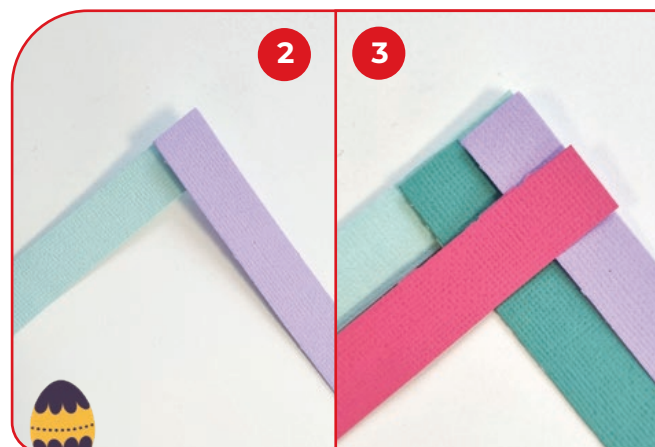
🌀 Strips or coloured paper 🌀 Scissors 🌀 Glue 🌀 Ribbon



Step 1 - Cut the coloured paper into 4 strips that are roughly 1 cm wide and 30 cm long.

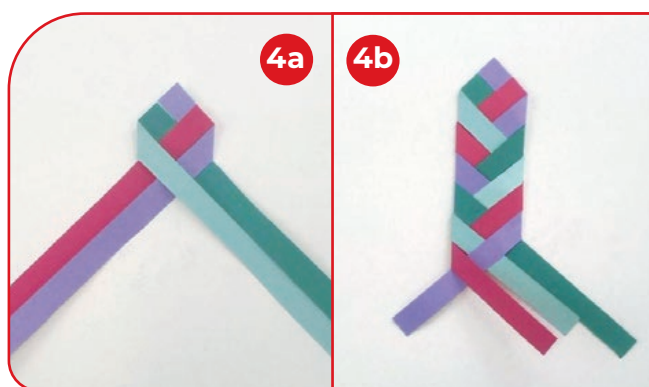


Step 2 - Create a squared corner by glueing 2 strips together (as pictured).

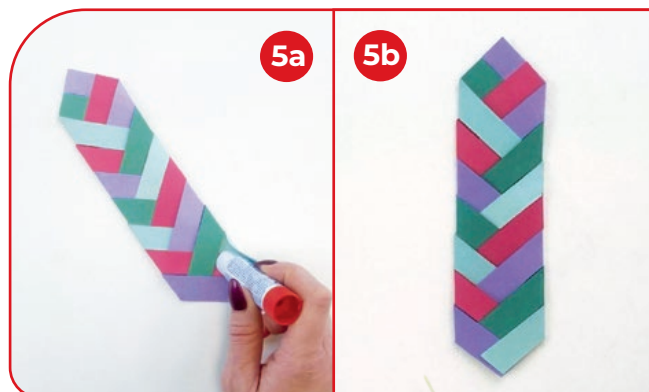


Step 3 - Glue the next 2 strips overlapping (as pictured).

Step 4 - Now fold the first paper strip creating a diagonal fold. Fold the second paper strip creating a diagonal fold. Continue this folding pattern from side to side until there are only a few centimetres remaining of the paper strips.



Step 5 - When you are close to the bottom, glue your strips down and trim the excess paper.



Step 6 - Carefully make a hole at the top of your bookmark and thread your ribbon through.



Ta-da! Your bookmark is complete. Consider sending it with your pack this month so your friend can hold their place in their favourite books whilst thinking of you.

Get Creative!