

MASHA AND THE FIREBIRD

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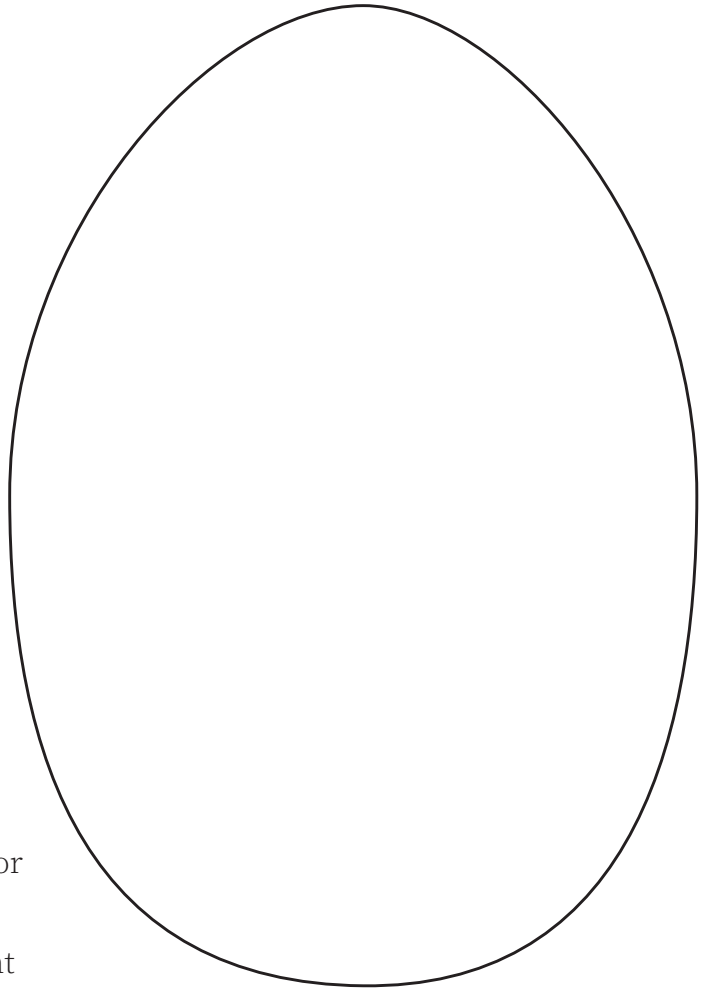
MAKE YOUR OWN EGG OF THE FOUR ELEMENTS

Materials

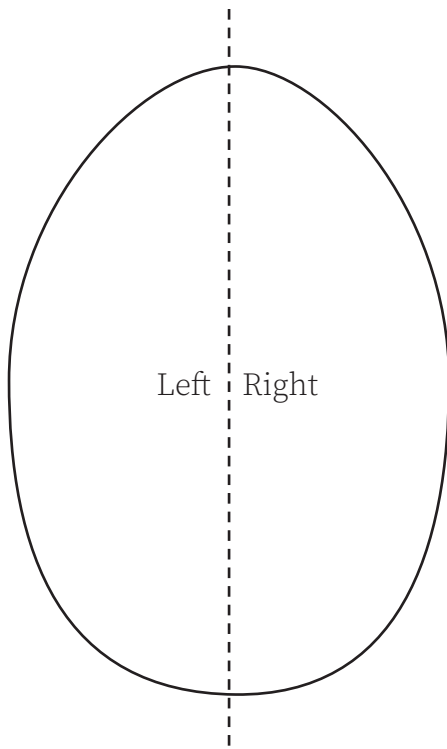
- Tracing paper
- Paper – lightweight card would work too
- Pencil for tracing eggs
- Pair of scissors
- Colouring pencils, felt tips or paint
- Glue stick
- 15cm string or thin ribbon

Instructions

1. Trace the egg shape 4 times onto A4 size tracing paper. Use a quarter of the paper for each egg shape.
2. Place it on to a sheet of paper or lightweight card and staple it. Staple each corner and halfway along the edges.
3. Cut out the egg shapes through both papers. You should have four paper or card eggs after you finish cutting.
4. Draw the illustrations you see on the eggs of the four elements that Masha painted. Add anything else you like.
5. Fold each egg in half lengthways, making sure the drawings are on the inside.
6. Number your eggs in the order Masha painted them. See the page opposite.



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1. Turn the eggs over, glue the right half of egg 1 to the left half of egg 2.
2. Glue the right half of egg 2 to the left half of egg 3.
3. Glue the right half of egg 3 to the left half of egg 4.
4. Take the 15cm piece of string or thin ribbon. Fold it in half to make a loop.
5. Put some glue onto the open ends of the ribbon about 2cm from the bottom. Open the top of the eggs a little. Stick the open ends of the loop in the centre. The loop should stick out of the top to hang up your egg.
6. Finally glue the right half of egg 4 to the left half of egg 1 to close the open ends.

Hurrah your egg is complete! Hang it up and admire.

More ways to decorate your eggs

Draw the pictures from the eggs of the Four Elements on to a sheet of paper. Colour them in and decorate with tissue paper, sequins, feathers, glitter, bits of fabric, wet glue or things from nature, like leaves, sticks flowers and seeds. Allow to dry. Cut out the drawings and glue them on to your paper eggs to make a fabulous collage like Anne Wilson did when creating the artwork for this book.



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