

Create & Decorate

Birdhouse Egg

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Materials

- The Dow Chemical Company STYROFOAM brand foam, a 5" egg
- DecoArt Texture Crackle in Ice Blue
- Textured scrapbook paper (card weight), a 5-1/2" x 3" piece
- Acrylic paint (black and brown), chopstick, clean jar, dowel (1/8" x 2"), hole punch, hot glue gun and glue, embellishments (such as a bit of deer moss, sphagnum moss, dried flowers, and faux fern), melon baller, paintbrush, ribbon (for hanger), white tacky glue

Instructions

1. Begin by making the hole in the side of the 5" egg. Use a melon baller to dig a hole about 1" deep out of front of the egg. Smooth the rough inside of the hole by rubbing the surface with the back of the melon baller scoop.

2. Paint the inside of the hole black and set aside to dry.

3. Paint the dowel brown and set aside to dry.

4. Brush on a thick, even coat of Ice Blue Crackle over the entire egg; do not coat the inside of the hole. **Tip:** Push a chopstick into the top center of the STYROFOAM egg to hold while working. Place the chopstick in jar when you want to put your work down. The cracks will form as Crackle dries.

5. When the egg is completely dry, gently twist the chopstick out of the egg. Adhere a ribbon loop into the hole at the top.

6. Gently push the dowel into the egg underneath the hole.

7. To make the roof, fold the piece of scrapbook paper in half, punch a hole in the center of the fold, and thread the ribbon hanger through the hole. Secure the roof to the egg with two spots of hot glue.

8. Use tacky glue to attach the embellishment items to the egg underneath the roof, on top of the roof, and around the hole (use color photo as inspiration).

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