

Eggs and Signs By Arla Johnson

If you're weary of online farming, here's how to make real eggs to sell in an actual miniature farm market or grocery store. There are two "ingredients" to creating a perfect egg. One is shape and the other is similar-size eggs.

What You'll Need:

- Fimo: Caramel, White
- Baskets
- Bowls
- Drinking straw
- Baby powder
- White glue
- Cardstock
- Spray adhesive
- Markers to match sign colors

1. Condition the white Fimo by softening a small amount, adding more, continuing until a sufficient amount is softened. Flatten with a dowel or pass through a pasta machine.

2. Place on a flat surface, powder lightly and cut circles with a drinking straw. The size of the egg depends on the thickness of the flattened Fimo and the size of the straw. Eggs not of a desirable size? Vary the thickness of the Fimo or use a straw of a different caliber.

3. Rolling one of the cutouts in a tight circle in the palm of your hand will yield a round ball. This ball should be just under ¼ inch in size. Now increase the size of the ball from a tight sphere to a larger sphere, still in the palm of your hand and this will produce an oval shape. A slight gentle back and forth motion applied to one end of the sphere, while still



"Perfect eggs" in an Al Chandronnait basket

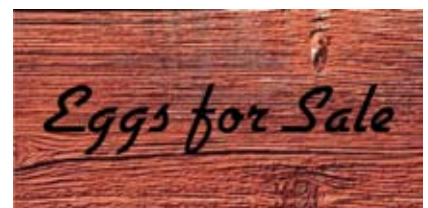
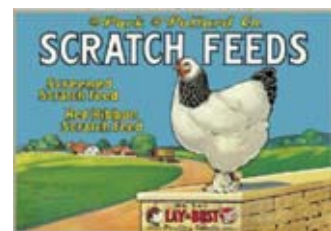
in the palm of the hand, will narrow this end. With a little practice, soon you will be producing perfect eggs.

4. Gently roll the egg onto a baking tile or piece of cardstock. Continue until dozens of eggs are produced. Baking on a tile yields a flat side, not always desirable. Baking on a paper card helps eliminate this.

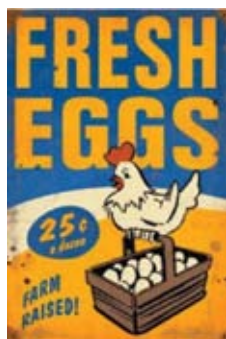
5. For the brown eggs, mix and condition approximately half white and half caramel, adding small amounts of caramel at a time until the desired color is achieved. Roll more perfect eggs and bake as directed on the Fimo package.

6. Following baking and after cool, dip the egg side into a small amount of tacky white glue (any glue that dries clear), and start arranging naturally into basket or bowl.

7. Cut out egg signs, leaving a wide margin. Outdoors, spray the heavy cardstock with a spray adhesive and then apply the signs. Smooth down with fingertip and allow to dry a bit. Cut along sign edges. To cover any cardstock showing on edge, run a marking pen of same color



only on this edge. Apply from the back of the sign so should your hand slip, it will not mark the sign front.



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