

Step-by-Step with Modern Masters

EASTER | Embossed Egg



Painting pretty and colorful Easter eggs can be so much fun! Debbie Hayes from My Patch of Blue Sky shares a unique and elegant idea for creating an embossed ornamental scroll pattern on an Easter egg that can be customized to taste. This egg can easily become the centerpiece of your spring and holiday decor. Gather some friends together to create your own versions!

PRODUCTS NEEDED

- Modern Masters Venetian Plaster
- Modern Masters Oyster Matte Metallic
- Modern Masters Platinum Series Emerald and Custom Blue

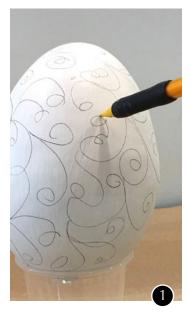
SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Water-based primer, like Zinsser
- Large plastic or wooden egg
- Cake decorating kit, using the plain round tip
- Containers for mixing blue color and holding the egg while working
- Pencil, Paint brush, Stir stick, Paper towel/rag
- Paper or cardboard to practice applying the Venetian Plaster



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Prime the egg using two coats of water-based primer, like Zinsser. Let dry. You can use a large-mouth container to prop it on while working.

- STEP 1: Use a pencil to create free-form designs on the egg. Use your imagination, or find inspiration online and in books.
- STEP 2: Open the Venetian Plaster. Follow the cake decorator assembly instructions. Open up the bag and prop it in a clean container. Use a stir stick to add Venetian Plaster to the bag. Put enough in the bag so you can grab it easily in your hand. Close and twist the bag until the plaster is about to squirt out of the tip.
- STEP 3: On another surface, like an old piece of cardboard, practice squeezing the bag while applying some plaster in a swirling motion. I found it easier to keep the tip about 1/16" above the surface instead of dragging it.
 - Starting at the top of the egg, slowly apply the Venetian Plaster to the surface. Watch where you put your fingers while you hold the egg, so that you don't smear the pattern. Carefully place the egg onto a container to dry, which can take hours or overnight. Add more pattern when it's dry if you like. Let dry completely.
- STEP 4: Create a custom blue color mix of Modern Masters products. Depending upon how many eggs you are painting, this mix will paint two coats on several eggs:

8 ounces of Matte Oyster Metallic Paint

1/2 TBSP Platinum Series Emerald Green

1/2 TBSP Custom Blue

Use a brush to paint 2 coats of the custom blue color. Let dry completely after each coat. Find or create a natural-looking nest for your Easter masterpiece to make it the center of attention in your home. Or, this project can be created in multiples in several colors to feature in Easter baskets, or place in an oversized bowl with greenery and natural elements from your yard as a spectacular centerpiece.