

"Pinecone n' Plaid" Egg Pattern



Materials:

3" Smoothfoam™ Egg

Circle Pattern (Used to Divide Egg)

Packet of 250 – 3/4"

Sequin Flat Head

Straight Pins

44 Rectangles (1 1/4" X 2 1/2")

All Ribbon Rectangles Have a Curley Wired Edge

BOW: 1+ Yard of 1/4" Gold Ribbon

2 – Long Pearl Decorative Pins

Small Ruler, Metal Thimble, Scissors, Red & Black Drawing Pens

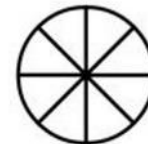
To create this beautiful Pinecone ornament, start by cutting out the circle pattern, used to divide your egg into 8 sections.

The 3" egg is made from a solid foam material, produced by a company called Smoothfoam™.

You can purchase more eggs from their website at www.smoothfoam.com. These eggs are sold in a packet of six. You can also find them at your local Hobby Lobby craft store, sold in a packet of four.

Pattern to Divide the 3" Egg

Cut out this circle and follow the instructions for dividing the egg into 8 sections.



Divide the Egg



Notice there is a 1" deep hole at the top of the egg. You will need to use the 1 ½" long black decorative straight pin to hold your circle paper pattern in place within that hole.



To divide your egg into eight sections, cut out the circle and pin it to the top of the egg. Place pins around the circle and draw a pen mark on the egg at each line. You will need to use a red pen and a black pen and rotate the colors. This is very important that you use two



different colors when drawing your lines around the egg. On the bottom of the egg, you will see a small flat circle. Draw a dot in the middle of that tiny flat spot.

Take a string or a rubber band and wrap it around the egg, following the lines you have drawn at the top and the dot at the bottom of the egg. If you use a leather string, as you see in the picture, pin the leather string to the egg at one end. This will hold your string tight as you draw a line around the egg using a ballpoint or fine felt tip pen. Using your red pen, draw around the egg twice until you have divided it into four sections. Then do the same with your black pen. You have divided your ball into eight sections.



You are now ready to start making your ornament.



How to Make a Triangle

Before you get started, notice that the gold stitching of the curly edge of each piece of ribbon has a front and back to it. Decide which side of the curly edge that you want to show and make sure each piece is folded the same.



You will fold each piece of ribbon in half to find the center of your rectangle. Next, fold down one side of the rectangle so the curly edge is in the center. I am left-handed, so I always fold the left side first, but if you are right-handed, you may find it best to fold the right side first. Either way is just fine! Next, fold over the other side, but overlap the curly edge in the center. Press down all edges with your fingers. Never use an iron on this ribbon. Remember, you have the wire in the curly edge, so press the point down firmly at the top of each triangle.

About the Ornament



This pinecone ornament is made using 44 pieces of ribbon, each one cut in a rectangle shape that is $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " long. There is a total of 6 layers. Layer #1 is at the narrow part of the egg where the hole is. Your bow and hanger will go on the widest part of the egg at the top. Layer #1 only has 4 triangles. Layer #2 - #6 will each use 8 triangles. The folded point of each triangle does not require a pin. There are only 3 pins used to secure each triangle at the widest edge.

Layer #1

Each of the four triangles in this layer will follow the black lines drawn on the egg. Fold each triangle and place the center curly edge along the black lines. Allow the point on each triangle to hang over the edge of the egg about $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Place the first triangle on the black line, then turn the egg around and place the next triangle on the opposite black line. Do this every time you make a layer.



How to Measure Between Layers



To measure between layers, you will use a small ruler and measure from the point of each triangle in the previous layer to the point of the triangle you are working with. The measurement from layer #1 to the 8 triangles used in Layer #2 is between $\frac{3}{8}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

The measurement between all other layers (Layers #3 - #6) is $\frac{5}{8}$ ".

Layer #2



Layer #2 consists of eight triangles; two sets of four. Place the first set of triangles following each red line using the measurement that is between $\frac{3}{8}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " from Layer #1. Then place the second set of triangles on each black line.

Layer #3



Layer #3 is made exactly like Layer #2, measuring $\frac{5}{8}$ " from the points in Layer #2 to the points in Layer #3. Place the first four triangles on the red lines and the second four triangles on the black lines.

Layer #4

Layer #4 is made in the exact way as Layer #3, measuring each triangle $5/8$ " from the previous layer.



Layer #5



Layer #5 is made the exact same way as the previous layers, measuring $5/8$ " away from the last layer, except you will start to work around the curve of the egg. To keep from having to cut off the excess material on the corners of each triangle, you will tuck each corner under before pinning. There is no set measurement for making this fold, but I folded under a little more material on each corner with my second set of 4 triangles.

Layer #6

Layer #6 is your last layer and it covers the top of the egg. You will need to fold under the outside corners of each triangle. Measure your distance from Layer #5 to Layer #6 and make sure each piece is $5/8$ ". Follow your red lines first and then your black lines. At this point, you will not be able to see the black lines. Just follow the center line on the other layers. Your triangles will come together at the center flat circle on the egg.



The Bow



The bow is simple. Just pin the beginning of the ribbon in the center and make several loops around the top. I made the bow look like two layers and used almost one full yard to complete the bow. Then I made the hanger 6" long and pinned it to the top with the



red decorative pin. To finish your pinecone, you will want to cover the hole at the bottom of the egg with the red sequin.

Secure this sequin with the long black decorative pin and when you have done this, push all the triangles in Layer #1 close together to cover the white egg. The last step is to curl up the tip of each triangle to give it that special "pinecone" look.

Your ornament is complete!

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