

Drawer Egg Class Notes

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This information is used in conjunction with the Drawer screenshots & text file.

- **Preparing the Egg** - Mark the egg as per the instructions making sure the drawers are located centrally over the fattest part of the shell, otherwise the drawers won't open straight & even.
- Carefully cut the shell, taking particular care around the front & back supports
- Mark the drawer pieces left & right and also an arrow towards the top of the drawer so you know which piece goes where.
- Fill the blow hole in the end with Spakfilla - sand smooth when dry.
- Paint the shell as desired.
- **Making the drawers** - Take a piece of cardboard a bit bigger than the drawer area.
- Use the half circle of shell as a template to mark the drawer bottom on the cardboard.
- Cut a strip of cardboard for the drawer back and shape to fit the drawer. Do not try to force this in place or you will snap the shell. Trim and test the fit until it's right.
- Allow room for the thickness of the material to go up and over the cardboard and across the bottom.
- The finished drawer back must not be higher than the drawer or it won't close properly.
- Glue the back of the drawer to the cardboard bottom of the drawer. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- Cut a narrow strip of Panne velvet and glue inside the front and back supports. Allow to dry.
- Glue a strip of velvet on the inside of the shell for the drawer - leave room for cord at the top and the drawer bottom.
- Glue the velvet across the bottom of the drawer, up and over the back and back across the other side.
- Trim the edge of the velvet to the cardboard.
- Glue the covered drawer into the shell. Repeat for both drawers - make sure you have a left and right drawer with the hinges in the right place.
- Trim the inside of the drawer with fine gold cord at the top edge of the shell, and then a braid of your choice to finish off the inside of the drawers.
- **For the inside lining** measure from one side of the bottom to the other allowing the tape to drape down into the bottom of the shell.
- Repeat the measuring for the other direction as well.
- Cut an oval of material using these measurements. Run a gathering thread around the edge and then glue into place.
- **Prepare the base for the top compartment.** Measure between the front and back support panels and cut a piece of cardboard to fit inside the shell. Do not force it into place or you will snap the shell.
- Use a pencil to mark around the inside of the shell in the top compartment. Label the top of the base and also the front and back. Cut on the inside of the marked line. Trim and fit the cardboard.
- Cut a piece of velvet to cover the top and bottom of the cardboard - glue onto the cardboard and trim around the edge of the cardboard.
- Glue base into position.
- Trim inside the compartment with fine gold cord at the top edge of the shell, and then a braid of your choice to finish off the inside.
- Glue on the lid hinge if you are using one and finish the outside of the egg as desired.