

# Marking an Oval on an Egg

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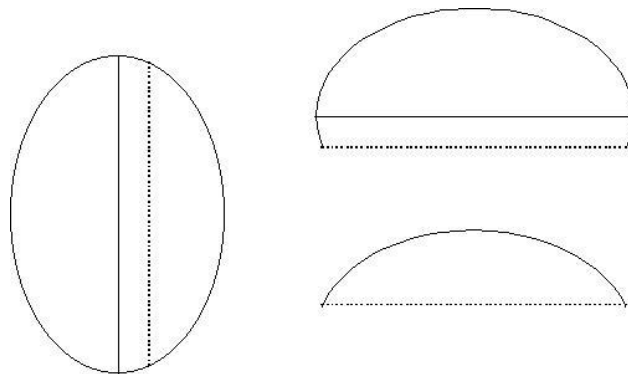
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This will give a perfect oval relative to the egg regardless of the shape of the shell. It allows you to then cut a "slice" off the side of the shell if desired and reverse back into the recess. If you try to do this with a template you will notice that the ends "dip" - using this method avoids this. Divide you egg into 4 to find the centre top & centre bottom (you really only need one of these lines but this will ensure that your markings are even)

Using one of these lines only (ie - the halfway line) mark an equal distance towards the top of the shell. For example measure  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the line and mark a small dot. Move along the side line about  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2" and measure and mark  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Do this all around the shell then join up all the dots. You will notice you have a perfect oval on the top (or bottom if desired) of the shell.

To reverse the slice cut off the shell, turn the cut off piece curve side up on a piece of waxed paper. Next apply 5-min epoxy around the edge of the remaining shell and turn the larger piece over and line up over the oval piece on the waxed paper. This should fit neatly keeping in mind the varying curves for the top and bottom of the shell. Leave the shell on a flat surface and allow to dry thoroughly, then remove from the waxed paper. If necessary any small gaps can be filled with Egg Repair, That White Stuff or modelling paste for a smooth finish.

Forgot to mention this - the larger the measurement from the side line (for example using 1" instead of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " ) the smaller the oval. The same thing also applies (and will give the same result as doing this) if you use your egg marker. I have the Natalie marker (the blue one). To mark ovals with the marker position your egg in the marker and then turn the marker onto its side. Position your pencil ABOVE the halfway position and lightly draw a line around the egg. Do not use too much pressure as this will cause the pencil to ride up on the curve of the shell.



## Other Hints & Tips

### Plastic Milk Containers

Cut the bottom off a 2 litre milk container leaving the sides about 3" high. These make excellent holders to stop eggs rolling off the table.

### Mod Podge

Use gloss Mod Podge to seal gold stands to stop them from tarnishing. It is also good to seal cords and braids that have a tendency to fray, especially Jap cord. Put some Mod Podge on your thumb and finger and run a length of cord down through there and then allow to dry. You will find it is now much easier to use.