

No Chocolate Easter Treat



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You will need

- one round balloon
- oil or vaseline
- Mod Podge or similar glue
- pieces of torn up newspaper
- pieces of torn up white toilet paper
- paint I used acrylic
- shredded tissue paper
- plastic egg
- little trinkets to go in the plastic egg
- one knitted chicken (the pattern is on the last page of this document)

Instructions

Make a knitted chicken using the pattern on the last page of this document

- blow balloon up to size you want your nest
- oil bottom of balloon to about a third of the way up
- stick pieces of torn newspaper onto the greased area of the balloon
- do this for three layers
- cover the newspaper pieces with one layer of the torn toilet paper pieces
- let all this dry over night
- gently take the dried paper nest off the balloon
- paint any colour of your choice and let dry
- place some shredded tissue paper into the painted nest
- put your trinkets into the plastic egg
- place the plastic egg into the knitted chicken





Knitted Chicken Pattern

Materials

**Double knitting yarn (about 14m)
4.00mm and 3.25mm needles**

Instructions

**With 3.25 needles Cast On 30sts and work 6
rows in rib.**

Change to 4mm needles

Garter stitch (every row knit) for 12 rows

You'll see six ridges on the right side

Next row cast off 10sts, knit to end

**Following row cast off 10st and knit to end
(10sts left on needle)**

**Continue too garter stitch on these 10 sts for 5
more rows**

**Cast off. Cut yarn with enough to use to sew
up.**



To make up

**Fold your knitting in half, sideways, right
sides together.**

**Using your yarn tail, sew together the
sides and across the top.**

Turn your chicken right side out.

**Add tail feathers, head comb, beak and
eyes**

**I used black wool in a French Knot for
the eyes, felt for the beak,
a loose pom pom for the tail and loops
for the comb.**

**But you can crochet the features or use
any other
method that suits you.**