

A collection of various Easter eggs is arranged on a dark wooden surface. The eggs feature different designs: some are solid colors like yellow, green, blue, pink, and orange; others have patterns such as stripes, polka dots, floral motifs, and abstract shapes. The text 'English Easter Eggstravaganza' is written in a black, handwritten-style font in the upper right corner of the image.

English Easter Eggstravaganza

Hinge Question: What activities are available to me over Easter?

What: Familiarising yourself with the English activities on offer during the Easter Break

How: Look at the activities and ideas on offer. Choose what you would like to do, begin to prepare and gather materials together

Why: Because there is no excuse to be bored over the break!

Diorama Project

Year 9	Year 10
Victorian London in the fog	A scene from any Shakespearean play
A Gothic House	A tropical island
A Victorian shoe shop	An abandoned city
An enchanted forest	A medieval Scottish Castle



Websites to help you out.

- <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/easy-ways-to-make-school-dioramas-2366269>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_DJKyM3JIAI
- <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Diorama>
- <https://www.guidepatterns.com/how-to-make-a-shoebox-diorama-ideas.php>

Interesting Images



Easter Photography Challenge

Many of you will have cameras on your phones, or digital cameras in your homes, so have a go at some of these photographic challenges. They're set to run over seven days, so one a day for a week. You shouldn't need to go out of your house and garden to complete them - I didn't for any of these. Use your imagination and have fun!

Day 1: An image that represents Spring

This could be flowers in the garden, new leaves, hot cross buns or Easter eggs, anything really.

Think about using a different camera angle. Don't just take from standing up. Lie down and get the underside of a daffodil, or go really close up to achieve something for a different shot.



Day 2:

An every day item taken from an unusual angle - can you guess what this is?



Day 3: An image that represents a story you enjoyed as a child - it could be a book or film

Winnie the Pooh was my favourite!

You may not have toys - you could get someone to dress up as a character or do something very cryptic.

Play with filters - colour and black and white can give the same picture a very different mood.



Day 4: An image that represents 'can't go out'

A lot of good photography is based on the 'rule of thirds'. The main focus of your picture should be one third or two thirds in and one third or two thirds up.

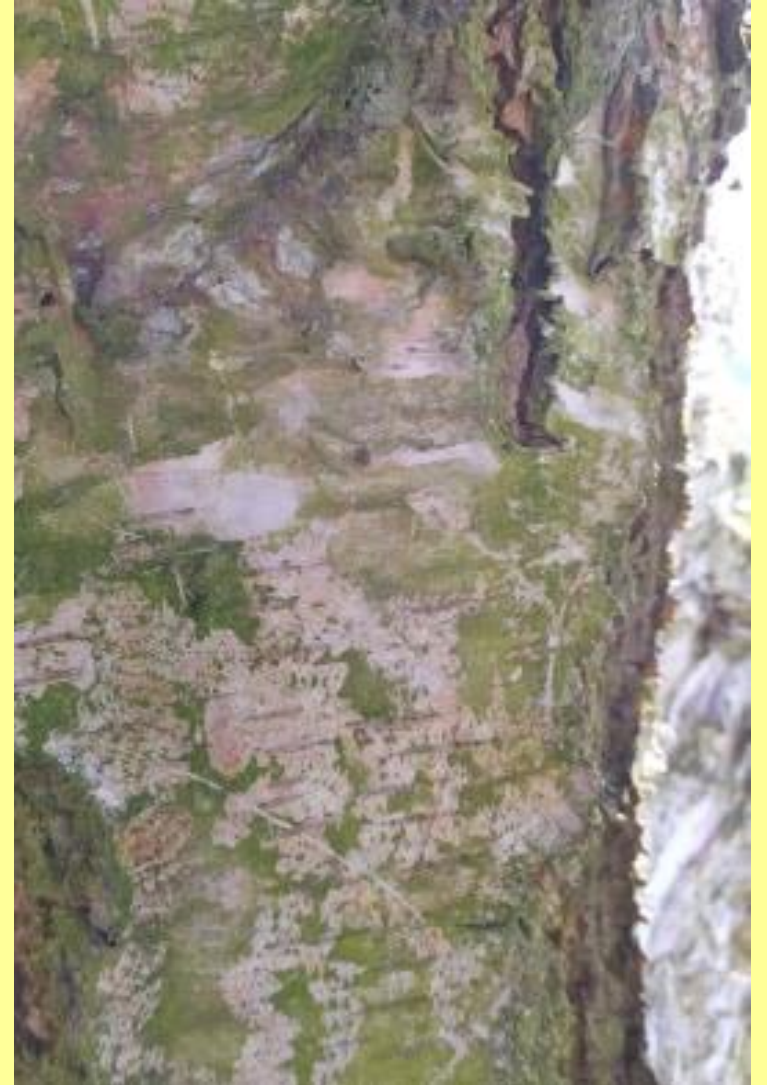
Notice the dogs (desperate to go out) are approximately where the bottom third and left third cross over.

As with all art though, this rule can always be broken!



Day 5: A pattern or texture

You need to get close up for this one.



Day 7: A creature

The trick to good pet photography is to get down to eye level - never stand to take a pet picture (unless it's a horse). And if you make strange noises your dog may put her head on one side for you.

If you don't have a pet, look for a creature in the garden. It doesn't have to just have four legs!



Shoe us what you're made of!

Inspired by any text that you have read-
Make a Paper Mache Shoe!

- Cover an old boot or shoe in cling film
- Apply 2 to 3 layers of torn newspaper (use PVA glue 50/50 mixed with water) or wallpaper paste
- Allow to dry thoroughly and then cut off original shoe
- Put another 1 or 2 layers of newspaper, effectively repairing where you cut it off the original, and be a bit creative at this point - you could extend the toe/heel/height
- When dry paint and decorate - again be creative and make a work of art.



Taste the rainbow

Households across the country are getting creative with their rainbow drawings and displaying them in their windows to keep spirits up during life under lockdown. The drawings have been particularly popular with young people who are at home after schools closed earlier this month.



Eggcellent Easter Eggs (or stones)

Paint or draw a literary character or author onto an egg of a suitably shaped stone.



What else can I do?

You can begin to write a blog: <https://www.theukdomain.uk/heres-get-blogging/>

Access the many free audiobooks for teens: http://www.loyalbooks.com/genre/Teen_Young_adult

Watch the Edinburgh Live Animal cam <https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/penguin-cam/#penguincam> you can watch feeding times, live action from the penguins, tigers, koalas and pandas. Free of charge.

Watch the NASA International Space Station Live
https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/iss_ustream.html

Watch Authors live BBC: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/rhvg9r>

Have a go at any one of the 50 Activities to beat boredom - see attachment