Faux Fabergé Egg

Jewelled eggs are popular Easter gifts in Russia. The most famous eggs are the large Imperial Eggs designed by the House of Fabergé. For more information see http://kreml.ru/en/exhibition/visit/2011/Stone_carving/01/

Materials:

- Eggs
- Food colouring
- Vinegar
- Glitter
- White glue
- Plastic gems
- Sequins

Instructions:

- Wash eggs very carefully with soap and water.
- Pierce a small hole in both ends of the shell with a thumb tack or needle (approximately the size of a plastic pin head).
- Insert the needle into one of the holes at least half way and stir the needle around to break up the yolk and membranes.
- Blow into one end of the egg forcing the yolk and egg whites out the other hole into a glass. A lot of pressure may be required. Once the egg is started it becomes much easier. Do not suck the egg!
- Discard the egg innards.
- Clean and rinse the egg again.
- Mix egg dye by using a few drops of food colouring, a teaspoon of vinegar and hot water in a cup to the desired colour. Alternatively, use prepackaged egg dye and follow package directions.
- Allow to fully dry.
- Using white glue, attach glitter, sequins and gems to the egg in the preferred pattern. Use images of real Fabergé eggs for inspiration.
- Allow to dry.

- If you wish to hang the egg, put a single piece of thread on a needle. Tie the end of the thread to a bead or button. Thread the needle up through the egg from bottom to top.
- Thread the needle back through the egg from top to bottom leaving a loop on the top.
- Remove the thread from the needle and attach the other end of the thread with a knot to the bead or button. The bead or button should be large enough so that it will not go through the bottom hole.
- Hang the egg by the loop on the top.

TIP – There are many shapes and styles of gems and spangle you can use to decorate your eggs in different themes. These make lovely Easter gifts or ornaments. Cover the egg as much as possible as appropriate to your design for a truly jewelled effect.