

Distress Ink Easter Eggs

(Easier than you think) By Diane Long



Supplies:

Raw Eggs

Dye Inks- Used here are Ranger Archival, Sea Bright's, Jenni Bowlin, Adirondack

Ranger Distress inks in Vintage Photo, Dusty Concord

Ranger Color Wash Sprays

Embossing gun

Ranger Cut N Dry foam

Piece of brown paper grocery bag

Ranger Perfect Pearls Mists in Forever Green & Perfect Pearl

Craft Spray Sealer

Stencil brush

Rubber stamp with small pattern

Starform or other border stickers

Notes- Decide what stickers you will use to mask with and what color inks to use. Have embossing gun or hair dryer ready to dry ink as needed. I had a cracked egg so I used that to practice on and see what colors I would use. It's also a good idea to have a few large paper clips handy. You can bend an end out and stick it inside the hole of the egg, this will help you work on the egg with less handling. You can insert the egg with the paper clip on to a Styrofoam block for drying. After each egg is complete, dried, and masking stickers removed, spray with clear sealer. Depending on the design and style you choose, use either a matt or glossy finish sealer. You can find jars with a much smaller opening (such as spice jars) than the egg so you can rest the egg on the open jar as you work or to dry. You can add stickers to the sealed egg if you would like gold or silver accents.

Rub the entire surface of a raw egg with a piece of brown grocery bag to buff out any rough patches. Using a hat pin or embroidery needle, poke a hole on one end of the egg. Keep poking around your first hole to make it larger until

you have about a 1/8 inch circle. Do the same on the other end of the egg. Blow out the insides of the egg into a bowl.

Dunk in warm soapy water, rinse, shake out any water that may be on the inside and allow to dry completely.

Place stickers on egg, gently go over with a bone folder to make sure edges are down well.

Apply ink with a small stencil brush, rubbing in a circular motion or apply with cut N Dry foam if area is large.

You can reposition the stickers in different areas of egg (or add a new stickers if old ones no longer stick). Make sure you heat set often so ink doesn't smear. Start with lighter colors, then add darker shades of ink.

Eggs in photo 1

Bottom Left- Using decorative corner stickers, attach 2 stickers next to each other to make center design, then add additional stickers as you work your way out. Several shades of blue ink are added to give a deep rich color. Heat setting after each color.

Upper Right- Mist using several Color Wash Sprays. Ball up a piece of paper to rest behind the egg to help keep in place while spraying Quickly heat set each area so it doesn't run.

Spray with a coat of sealer, then lightly spray Perfect Pearls mists on top for an iridescent look. Add small silver dot stickers around egg as an accent.

Upper Left- Place paisley stickers around egg. Cover with pink ink, Add darker pink and purple in several sections using a small stencil brush.

Bottom Right- Place several plain border stickers around the egg vertically, Add green ink on either side of sticker with small stencil brush. Place patterned border sticker on several places around the egg. Add orange ink on either side of sticker using small stencil brush. Note- some designs may start to overlap slightly on the narrow part of the egg so keep in mind when choosing stickers. Dry, seal. Place several plain gold stickers around egg as a finishing touch.

Eggs in photo 2

Left- Placed several small circles stickers around egg, covered in yellow ink. Placed several more circle stickers, trying to keep them somewhat evenly distributed. Covered with orange ink. Adding a few more circles. Covered with a darker orange ink. Allowing each color to dry. Remove all stickers, Spray with sealer.

2nd-Put letter stickers on to spell Spring. Covered in light green Distress ink using foam. Ink a rubber stamp in a crackle pattern with dark green ink. Rolled the egg around. This was a forgiving pattern so it could be started in different areas. This egg can be finished in several ways. You can remove the letter stickers to reveal the white egg color underneath. You can go over the white very lightly with a peach, tan or yellow ink. You could replace the letter with a fresh white set, or color the white set with any of the color choices above.

Back- Cover egg with Dusty Concord Distress ink using foam. Spray with Adirondack mist. Keep in mind that the closer you spray, the more large dots you will get. Dry quickly with heat gun. Seal. Add plain white border stickers around the middle.

Right- Add several patterned border stickers. Cover egg with Vintage Photo Distress ink. Apply several coats allowing for dry time in between. Remove stickers. Seal. Add circle and dot stickers as accents.