

EASTER Ideas

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Dear Grandmothers around the world,

We dearly love our grandchildren, don't we? They are precious highlights in our lives. And, we are always looking for ideas of activities that we can do with them. Especially on holidays.

Here are some links to crafts, paper-based projects, coloring pages, and recipes that you can use with your grandchildren. Most of these activities are easy to do – mainly because I'm not a crafty person. (My husband says that I'm shifty – such a play on words!)

I hope that one or two of these things will jump out at you and say, "Use me! Use me!" And, I hope that as you do these activities, your relationship with your grandchildren will be strengthened and that you will create fond memories with them.

Give your grand kiddos lots of hugs and kisses while you're doing these projects. One of the best things that a grandmother can do for her grandchildren is to love them unconditionally.

Here's to a 'hoppy' Easter!

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CRAFTS

1. If you don't do any thing else here, do some of these egg-decorating projects! (My favorite is Grandpa Gregg and Superegg-man.)
<http://familyfun.go.com/parties/easter-egg-decorating-party-704881/>
2. Cute painted (and easy) clothes peg bunnies.
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/easter/clothespin-easter-bunny.shtml>
3. Lucky Rabbit Feet (a jingle-bell bunny face to add to grandchildren's shoes)
<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/lucky-rabbit-feet-1001196/>
4. Bright and colorful tie-dyed Easter eggs using coffee filters -- something that a craft-challenged person like me can do!
<http://thechocolatemuffintree.blogspot.com/2011/03/tie-dyed-coffee-filter-easter-eggs.html>
5. Eggs painted using bubble packaging. (Such a clever idea!)
<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/egg-dyeing-bubble-packaging-technique-668365/>
6. Egg shaped sidewalk chalk.
<http://www.skiptomylou.org/2007/03/12/egg-shaped-sidewalk-chalk/>
7. Easter bunny pencil toppers.
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/easter/bunny-pencils.shtml>
8. Sweet clay pot bunnies.
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/nature/terra-cotta/clay-pot-bunny.shtml>
9. Fluffy tin can lamb.
<http://crafts.kaboose.com/easter-tincan-lamb.html>
10. Stick chicks made out of tongue depressors or Popsicle sticks.
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/easter/chick-sticks.shtml>
11. Fun little bunny finger puppets.
<http://www.purlbee.com/bunny-finger-puppets/>

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12. Make a whole flock of these cute pompom Easter chicks.
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/easter/easterchick.shtml>
13. Easter egg money holder (for those of you who are sewers).
<http://sewingsteph.blogspot.com/2011/04/scrappy-easter-egg-tutorial.html>

FUN Foods

1. An Easter treat that is way easy for grandchildren to make.
<http://grandmalizzieshouse.com/2010/03/24/chicken-on-a-nest-treat/>
2. Carrot Cake Sandwich Cookies. You know, bunnies eat carrots. Bunnies are Easter. So, Carrot Cake Sandwich Cookies are “Easter” – at least by my way of thinking.
<http://everylastcookie.blogspot.com/2010/03/cookie-069-carrot-cake-sandwich-cookies.html>
3. Three no-bake Easter treats.
<http://kitchensimplicity.com/three-no-bake-easter-treats/>
4. Chocolate nests for Easter eggs. Yum!
<http://www.bhg.com/holidays/easter/recipes/fun-to-make-easter-treats/?page=2>
5. Easter bonnet cookies.
<http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/easter-bonnet-cookies-687502/>
6. Bunny puffs.
<http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes/bunny-puffs/8fa89778-8f93-4c80-9813-a5c95e59dbb0/>
8. Easter egg dinner rolls – such a unique idea!
<http://www.rhodesbread.com/recipes/view/2050>
9. Cinna-bunnies.
<http://www.rhodesbread.com/recipes/view/2129>
10. Honey bunnies.
<http://www.rhodesbread.com/recipes/view/1823>

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11. Easter egg dipper treats.
<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Easter-Egg-Dipper-Treats/Detail.aspx>
12. Chocolate bunny treats.
<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Chocolate-Bunny-Treats/Detail.aspx>

COLORING PAGES

(NOTE: the pages from Crayola.com don't load very easily on a MacBook Pro using Firefox. If you have a Mac, use Safari instead.)

1. Easter bunny carrying a basket of eggs.
<http://www.kidskorner.net/activities/coloring/apr/pic-1-apr.html>
2. Simple chick in an egg.
<http://www.coloring.ws/t.asp?b=m&t=http://www.coloring.ws/animals/birds/chick.gif>
3. Cute spring flowers.
<http://www.coloring.ws/t.asp?b=m&t=http://www.coloring.ws/spring/17.gif>
4. Easter bunny among flowers.
<http://coloringpagesforkids.info/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/spring%20coloring%20pages%203.gif>
5. Easter bunny in a basket of Easter eggs.
<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/easter-bunny-in-basket-coloring-page/>
6. Cute Easter bunny.
<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/easter-bunny-with-eggs-coloring-page/>
7. Easter bunny with an Easter egg.
<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/easter-bunny-coloring-page/>

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PAPER PROJECTS

1. Fun paper project. Fold, cut, and color an Easter parade that is linked together like paper dolls.
<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/easter-egg-parade-coloring-page/>
2. Color and make a paper basket.
<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/make-an-easter-basket-coloring-page/>
3. Make bunny ears on a headband.
<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/bunny-ears-coloring-page/>
4. Make this Happy Easter sign from paper – or cardboard or craft foam.
<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/easter/happy-bunny.shtml>
5. Cute, cute cute egg decorations. (I especially love the funny characters. This is the second most important things to do on this list, in my humble opinion.)
<http://printables.kaboose.com/easter-egg-decorations-printables-main.html>
6. Easter party printables of a “Happy Easter” banner, invitations, favor tag, labels, and water bottle label. Darling.
<http://blog.catchmyparty.com/2011/03/17/free-easter-party-printables-from-autumn-leah-designs/>