# **Free Design**

# It's all about eggs!

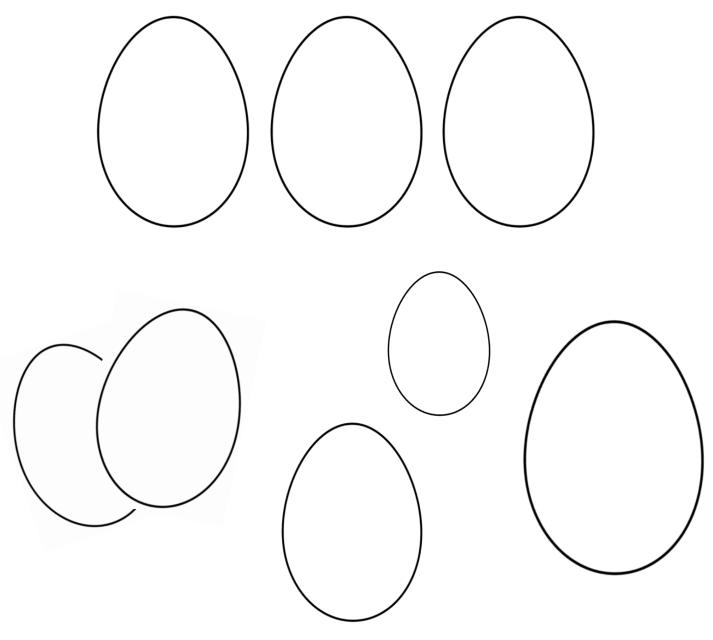


Print off this page and trace your chosen shapes onto your fabric. Go over the designs with a black pen first if you can't see them clearly through the fabric or you can use the prick and pounce method or carbon transfer paper.

Frame the fabric in/on to your embroidery frame; place a cotton fabric behind your embroidery fabric to give you a more stable ground to work on.

## Egg designs for transfer

Line them up, layer them, turn them...you choose!



## Level: Easy, medium and hard boiled!

This project is a wonderful way to decorate some seasonal Easter eggs! See the accompanying video for some stitch suggestions; I've started with an easy one and worked up to more technical stitches but you choose how you want to decorate yours! We have separate videos on every technique and stitch used in the video if you need more detailed information as well as videos on how to frame up your fabric, how to thread your needles and how to start and finish your threads and ribbons. Just search **Sarah Homfray Embroidery** on YouTube to find our channel and click on the red **SUBSCRIBE** button to bookmark our page!

#### You will need:-

A printer to print off the egg shapes! The shapes use in the video are the three eggs in a row.

#### Threads and materials I used:

A selection of stranded cotton/floss – 2 greens, coral, yellow, pale peach. I used a different number of strands for different stitches, see next page for more details.

4mm Silk ribbons

Rose gold ribbed plate

Copper passing for edging – Easy egg

Copper large rococo for edging – hard boiled egg

Seed beads

Copper coloured sewing thread

Check out my Facebook and Instagram accounts to see pictures of the eggs in detail!

I also used the following, all available from <a href="https://www.sarahhomfray.com">www.sarahhomfray.com</a>:

#### **Fabric**

- Ivory linen
- Calico background

#### **Needles**

- Embroidery 10 for beads and sewing down the plate
- Crewel size 9 for stranded cottons
- Chenille size 24 for the ribbon

#### Other

- Embroidery scissors
- 10" x 6" stretcher bars and pins
- Waterproof or design transfer pen
- Versatile table clamp to hold my frame still
- Seed beads from my stash
- Coloured water soluble pencils and water brush

### Stitches I used

### Easy egg

Running stitch - 3 strands

Back stitch - 6 strands

Stem stitch – 6 strands

Chain stitch – 3 strands

Buttonhole – 6 strands

Eyelets – 3 strands

Seed beads sewn down with 2 strands of stranded

Zig Zag chain stitch – 3 strands

Cross stitch – 2 strands

Copper passing No.6 for edging sewn down with sewing cotton



Whipped back stitch edging – 3 strands
Running stitch – 6 strands
Satin stitch – 6 strands
Trellis stitch – 3 strands
4mm silk ribbon in peach for bow
Seed beads



## Hard boiled egg!

Copper large rococo for upper edging sewn down with sewing thread

Seed beads

Pink Gold ribbed plate ribbon sewn down with sewing thread

Eyelets – 3 strands

Stem stitch – 6 strands

Running stitch – 3 strands

4mm Silk ribbon in peach, ivory and green.

Visit YouTube or the 'How To' section of the website to see the video of this project and more in-depth videos on all of the techniques above:

https://www.sarahhomfray.com/howtovideos.html

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