

# The History of Easter Eggs

Eggs have been associated with the Christian festival of Easter, which celebrates the death and resurrection of Christ.

The egg has long been a symbol of 'fertility, 'rebirth' and the 'beginning'.

# Eggs as an Easter Gift

The earliest Easter eggs were hen or duck eggs decorated at home in bright colours with vegetable dye and charcoal.



The 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries saw the manufacture of egg shaped toys, which were given to children at Easter.

The Victorians had cardboard, 'plush' and satin covered eggs filled with Easter gifts and chocolates.

The ultimate egg shaped gifts were the creations of **Carl Faberge** made during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The Fabergé eggs were made for the Russian Royal family, with the first one being made for Tsar Alexander III to give to his wife as a gift.



They are very rare as only 65 were ever made.

# Did you know?

Queen Elizabeth owns  
three  
Fabergé eggs.

A Fabergé egg can be  
worth over £20 million  
pounds!



Chocolate Easter Eggs were first made in Europe in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, with France and Germany taking the lead in the new artistic confectionery.

Some early eggs were solid, as the techniques for mass producing moulded chocolate had not been devised.

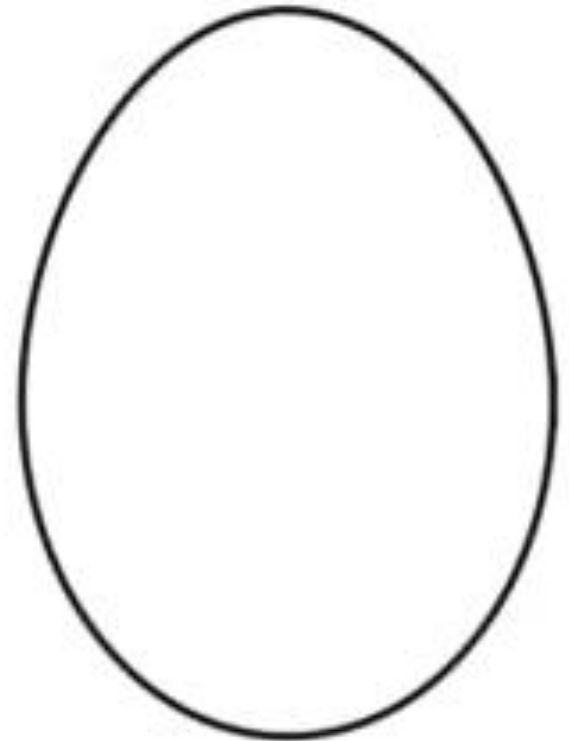


# The detail in Fabergé Eggs



# TASK

Use your own knowledge of pattern to design your own Faberge egg!



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