Make with the MERL: An Egg-cellent Egg Hunt!
Create fun 3D eggs for in your house or garden.

You will need:

- Jam jar lids, bottle caps of different sizes**
- Cereal box or similar for making templates**
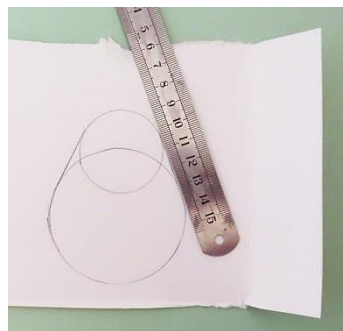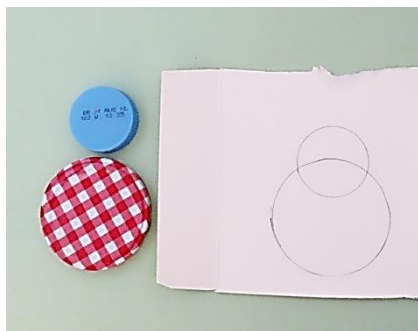- Old greetings card*
- Wool
- Scissors
- Glue

*If you do not have any old greetings cards, use paper/thin card you can recycle.

**Make sure recycled materials you use are clean.

Method

1. Make egg templates. Draw a large circle using a jam jar lid, and then slightly overlapping the large circle draw around a smaller lid. Use a ruler to draw a straight line connecting the edges of the two circles. Do this on both sides of the circles. Then cut out your egg template. Repeat this process with different lid sizes to make different sizes of egg templates.

2. To make your first egg, draw around your template, mark and cut out 4/5 shapes with the greetings card. Fold each egg shape in half.
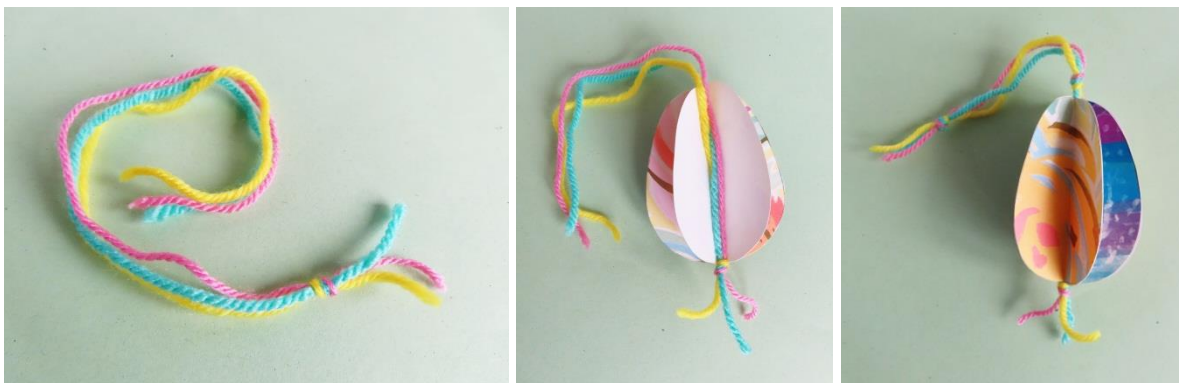
3. Match two eggs together and glue half of each egg together, repeat this for all the egg sections to for your 3D egg shape except for the last section.

4. Creating the hanging loop.
    Before sticking the last section of the egg, prepare the wool for hanging, cut 2 or 3 lengths of wool each length about 25cm long, tie all lengths together in a single knot at one end. Open up the last section of your egg and lay the wool along the central channel of the egg, with the knot at the base of the egg, and the other end towards the top, now glue the sides together to complete the egg and also tie in a single knot at the top of the egg and at the end of the wool for hanging your egg.

5. Repeat this process for different sizes of eggs.

6. Once you have made enough eggs, have fun creating your very own egg hunt. The image (right) shows a tree made out of cardboard.
    If you don't want to hang your egg up, alternatively, use a plastic bottle cap to rest your eggs on. Simply cover the edge of the bottle cap with a strip of coloured paper. (Image below)
    Have an Egg-cellent Egg Hunt!