

A Tisket, A Tasket

Although Easter may be a few weeks away, planning now will give you more time to relax and enjoy the holiday. This year try something different than the usual the traditional Easter basket.

When my kids were little we hid their Easter baskets and plastic eggs stuffed with candy around the house. Although they did a good job of looking for the treats, I always seemed to find hidden "eggs" weeks later. That's why I never hid the real thing! I never liked the cheap, cellophane "grass". It's messy and it gets all over the house. Instead, I like to fill baskets with something colorful and unique. Recycling at its simplest!

Look at your ribbon stash and pull out pastels colors or shades that coordinate with the basket. In this case, I found grosgrain and satin ribbons in purple.



It looks so pretty and feminine, and stays in place.



Little boys like pails and there is so much they can do with it after the candy is gone.



You could buy expensive crinkly paper from a card shop, but why not recycle paper you already have. Use your paper shredder to make uniform strips. Roll it in between your hands to crumple it up.





It only takes a little hot glue and leftover trim to turn this basket into an Easter one.



What could be more fitting than to use feathers to cushion your Easter eggs? You can find packages in any color at craft stores. I found a feather boa I had in my costume box. Perfect for the glamour girl!



Egg-Cellent!

A fast and easy way to decorate hard boiled eggs:

Wrap them with rubber bands before dropping them in the dye.



Remove bands after the dye has set and you have fun stripes. Try adding another layer of color by dipping them in a contrasting dye solution.

