



SHINY SHELL

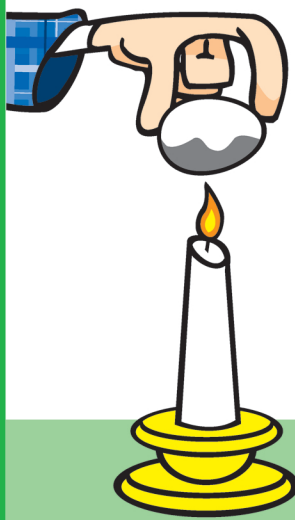


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COLORED EGGS ARE PRETTY COMMON THIS TIME OF YEAR, BUT WHAT YOU DON'T SEE ARE SILVER EGGS. HERE'S A WAY TO GIVE AN EGG A SHINY MIRROR-LIKE FINISH THAT'S SURE TO AMAZE BOTH YOUR FRIENDS AND YOURSELF

TO DO THIS TRICK, YOUR EGG NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY DRY. BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S BEST TO USE ONE THAT IS ROOM TEMPERATURE TO PREVENT CONDENSATION. HOLD THE EGG OVER A LIT CANDLE. IF YOU'RE NOT HANDY WITH FIRE, LET AN ADULT HELP YOU WITH THIS. ROTATE THE EGG OVER THE CANDLE UNTIL IT'S COVERED WITH BLACK SOOT. TAKE CARE NOT TO HOLD THE EGG OVER THE FIRE IN ANY SPOT FOR TOO LONG. YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO COOK IT, JUST COLOR IT.



NEXT, SUBMERGE THE BLACKENED EGG INTO A GLASS OF WATER. DO THIS CAREFULLY SO THAT YOU DON'T BREAK THE EGG, OR RUB OFF ANY OF THE SOOT.



ONCE IN THE WATER, YOUR EGG WILL APPEAR TO TAKE ON A SHINY, METALLIC FINISH. NOW THAT'S AN EGG WORTH HUNTING FOR.



HOWDY DO IT?

WHY DID THE EGG TURN SILVER? THE CARBON IN THE SOOT REPELS THE WATER AND CREATES A THIN LAYER OF AIR AROUND THE EGG. THIS IS WHAT GIVES THE EGG ITS SILVERY APPEARANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EGG WILL ONLY APPEAR SILVER WHILE UNDER WATER, SO FORGET ANY PLANS OF TAKING IT DOWN TO THE NEAREST PAWN SHOP AND CASHING IT IN FOR BIG BUCKS!