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(as seen on Good Things Utah March 4, 2010)

Featuring: Quite Contrary papers and Lush embellishments

Designer: Amber Packer, Design Team Lead (www.amberpacker.com)

Celebrate Easter with this classy and timeless Easter Tree.
Add shamrock or flower ornaments and enjoy this tree all spring long!

Supplies:

- 1 - Quite Contrary Little Miss Muffet "Celebrate"
Happy Houndstooth paper
- 1 - Quite Contrary Little Miss Muffet "That's My Girl"
Oh So Pretty paper
- 1 - Quite Contrary Little Miss Muffet "Hello Beautiful"
Little Flowers paper
- 1 - Quite Contrary Mary Mary "Happy Birthday"
Celebration paper
- 1 - Quite Contrary Mary Mary "Sweetie Pie"
Berry Preserves paper
- 1 - Lush Green Decorative Brads
- 1 - Lush Green Rhinestones
- 1 - Lush Green Ribbon
- 1 - Lush Blue Rhinestones
- 2 - Lush Blue Ribbon
- 1 - Lush Brown Ribbon

Also used: 3" wooden eggs, mod podge, staple gun, vase, Forsythia and cherry blossom stems (or trim off real branches and force to bloom inside), squirt bottle, dowel, brown paint and your imagination!

Basic Instructions:

1. Cut slits in paper leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip uncut (that goes on the "fattest" part of the egg).
2. Lightly spritz back side of paper with water to make it easier to mold paper to egg shape.
3. Use mod podge to adhere paper to egg.
4. Have fun with ribbon (hint: use the stitching that's already in the ribbon to gather), rhinestones and brads to decorate eggs.
5. Small paper flowers: Cut a variety of 1" x 6" paper strips. Lightly spritz each strip with water, roll up or fold up into flower shape. Use glue gun (liquid glue or glue dot) to keep flower together and adhere to egg.
6. Arrange stems in metal vase, add eggs and enjoy!

For more detailed instructions and close up pictures, visit the My Mind's Eye blog (www.mymindseye.typepad.com).

You could make eggs out of paper if you don't want to make 3-D eggs
(p.s. bunnies are cute, too!)



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Instructions: Flower Egg

1. Cut slits in Houndstooth paper about $\frac{3}{4}$ " up from bottom and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " down from top - leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip uncut (uncut part goes on the "fattest" part of the egg).
2. Lightly spritz back side (Houndstooth) of paper with water to make it easier to mold paper to egg shape.
3. Use mod podge to adhere paper to egg.
4. When dry, apply a top coat of mod podge.
5. Small paper flowers: Cut a variety of 1" x 6" paper strips. Lightly spritz each strip with water, roll up or fold up into flower shape. Add brads to center of flower. Use glue gun (liquid glue or glue dot) to keep flower together and adhere to egg.
6. Fold 16" piece of brown grosgrain ribbon in half and staple to top.
7. Tie a half knot to cover staple and tie full knot in top.



Instructions: Houndstooth Egg

1. Cut slits in Houndstooth paper about $\frac{3}{4}$ " up from bottom and $1\frac{3}{4}$ " down from top - leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip uncut (uncut part goes on the "fattest" part of the egg).
2. Lightly spritz back side (Cream flower) of paper with water to make it easier to mold paper to egg shape.
3. Use mod podge to adhere paper to egg.
4. When dry, apply a top coat of mod podge.
5. Glue two pieces of green velvet ribbon using liquid glue around egg.
6. Glue two pieces of blue rick rack ribbon using liquid glue around egg.
7. Fold 16" piece of blue grosgrain ribbon in half and staple to top.
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Instructions: Rhinestone Egg

1. Cut slits in Little Flowers paper about $\frac{3}{4}$ " up from bottom and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from top - leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip uncut (uncut part goes on the "fattest" part of the egg).
2. Lightly spritz back side (multi-color floral) of paper with water to make it easier to mold paper to egg shape.
3. Use mod podge to adhere paper to egg.
4. When dry, apply a top coat of mod podge.
5. Adhere piece of brown velvet scallop ribbon about 1/2" from bottom of egg.
6. Using stitching in ribbon, gather 16" piece of blue grosgrain ribbon and adhere to egg just above brown velvet ribbon.
7. Lightly draw swirl on egg with pencil and add rhinestones.
8. Fold 16" piece of green satin ribbon in half and staple to top.
9. Tie a half knot to cover staple and tie full knot in top.



Instructions: Rick Rack Egg

1. Cut slits in Little Flowers paper about $\frac{3}{4}$ " up from bottom and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from top - leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip uncut (uncut part goes on the "fattest" part of the egg).
2. Lightly spritz back side (pink floral) of paper with water to make it easier to mold paper to egg shape.
3. Use mod podge to adhere paper to egg.
4. When dry, apply a top coat of mod podge.
5. Glue a piece of green satin ribbon using liquid glue around egg.
6. Glue brown rick rack ribbon in center of green satin ribbon (keep seams together and in the back).
7. Add blue rhinestones around rick rack ribbon as shown.
8. Fold 16" piece of brown grosgrain ribbon in half and staple to top.
9. Tie a half knot to cover staple and tie full knot in top.



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Instructions: Paper Globe Flower

(Globe instructions from Deena Rutter's Abbey Road project)

1. Punch 20 - 2 1/2" circles from 5 different Quite Contrary papers (QC1002, QC1008, QC1005, QC1031, QC1037)
2. Ink edges of each circle.
3. Score triangle (as shown in pattern) and fold up edges.
4. Glue the flaps of 5 folded circles together to form the top of globe.
5. Repeat step 4 for the bottom of globe.
6. Glue the remaining 10 circles together alternating the triangles point up and point down to form a chain.
7. Glue top section to middle band and finish by gluing the bottom section to rest of globe.
8. Allow to dry and adhere to top of brown painted dowel using a hot glue gun like I did or glue dots.
9. Tie ribbon to dowel to form leaves.
10. Add rocks to metal vase and add paper globe flower to center.
11. ENJOY!

