



## **Billings Farm at Home**

### **Fun with Chickens!**

Did you know the eggs in your refrigerator were laid by a hen? A hen is a female chicken and she lays about one egg a day. Those eggs are also where chicks come from! A hen will lay on her eggs for 21 days until they hatch. She must keep her eggs nice and warm and turn them often.

At Billings Farm and Museum, we have a few different breeds of chickens. We have some Buff Cochins and Buff Orpingtons. Soon we will have new chicks hatch to add to our flock! Check them out on our Facebook page!

#### **Fun facts**

1. Chickens have prehistoric roots and are the closest living relative of the Tyrannosaurus rex.
2. Chickens take dust baths to clean themselves. The dirt helps with the oils in their feathers.
3. Chickens have three eyelids.
4. There are more types of chickens than there are breeds of birds in the world.
5. A hen can lay over 300 eggs in one year. That's 25 dozen eggs!



## *Easy Paper Chick Craft*

*Courtesy of Red Ted Art (redtedart.com)*

### Materials

- Colored paper (yellow of course is nice)
- Glue
- Bakers twine
- Beads (optional)
- Marker/pen (optional)
- Craft instructional video available at:  
<https://youtu.be/4qbY7GItKfQ>

### Directions

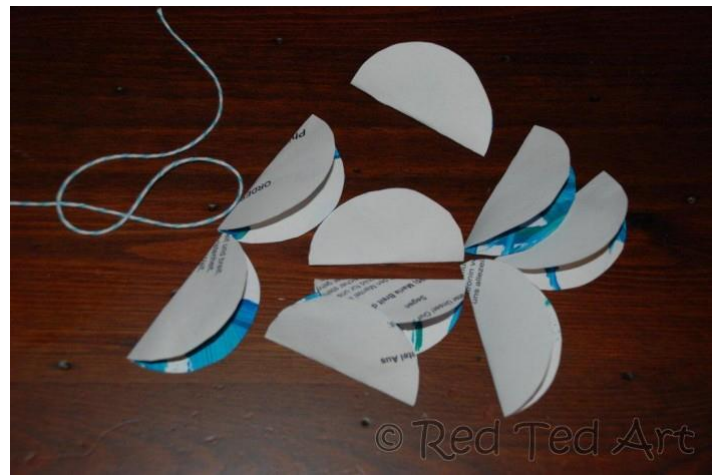
1) Draw 8 circles with either a cup or a simple template. Ours were approximately 3 inches in diameter.



2) Cut out 8-10 circle. You need to cut these as perfectly as possible for the finished effect to be at its best. We used a small cup to trace the circles



3) Fold circles in half. Make a good crease.



4) Stick the left side of one to the right side of the other. Before you get to the last one, cut a triangle from your paper to make a beak and glue it between two of the half circles. When you get to the last one, add the ribbon. Then glue the first circle to the last



5) Even them all out a bit, if necessary add a tiny bit more glue and done!



6) Add any decorations you'd like. Use a marker to make dots for eyes, and make wings. Add beads or paper to the string for feet.

## **ACTIVITY: Disappearing Eggshell and Bouncy Eggs**

You'll need:

- One raw egg
- One hardboiled egg
- Vinegar
- Two jars or glasses

Instructions:

1. Place the raw egg and hardboiled egg into separate jars.
2. Cover them with vinegar. (you'll notice bubbling, this means it's working)
3. Let the eggs sit for 24-36 hours in the vinegar.
4. You can then remove the eggs and brush off any remaining eggshell.
5. Bouncy your eggs!

What happened?

The vinegar reacted with the eggshell and dissolved it but the membrane inside the egg didn't.