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(An accompaniment to the Washi Egg tutorial available at <http://www.mirkwooddesigns.com/projects/washi-egg.pdf>)



First, wash the outside of the egg with soap and warm water. If you intend to use the egg inside the shell for cooking, also wash the drill bit or needle.

I used a small drill to make the holes in the egg (one at the north pole, one at the south pole). You can also use a large needle. The hole at one end should be slightly larger than the other. The larger of the holes that I made was about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Note: Use the drill or the needle to puncture the egg yolk inside the shell so it comes out easier.

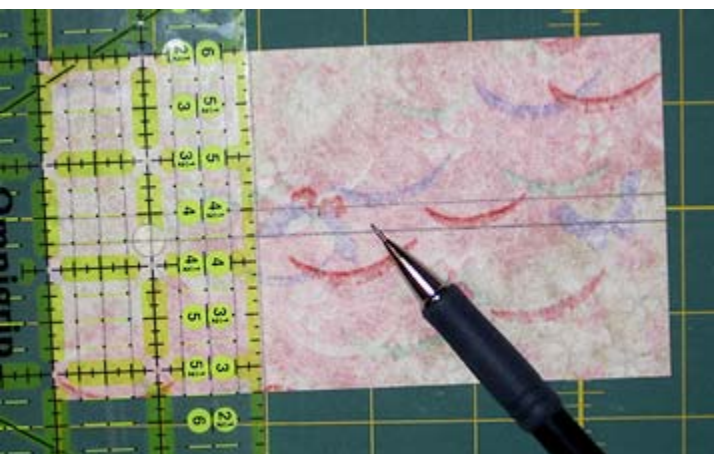
Blow the egg into a cup and save it for later use!



Here are the supplies I used, but I forgot to include the tape measure, the ruler, the scissors, the pencil, and the paintbrush. I'm sure you know what those look like!

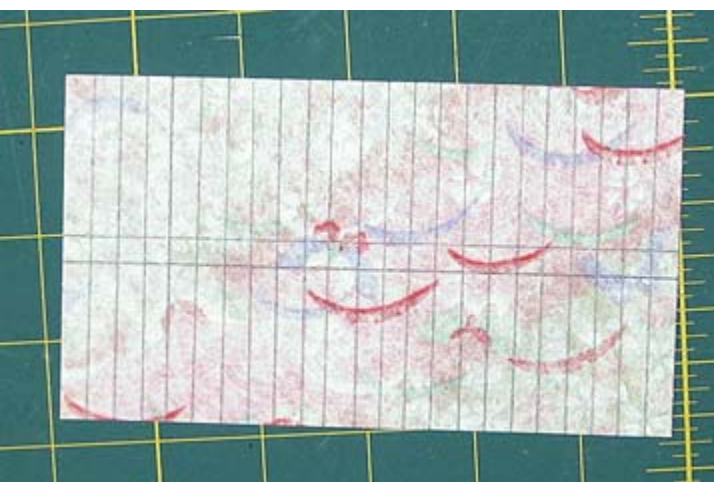
I love this beautiful washi paper. It is a nicely textured chiyogami paper.

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First I measured the circumference of the egg (around the equator) and the height (from pole to pole). I cut a piece of washi paper that measurement.

Here I am marking a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch line along the equator on the BACK of the paper.



I've marked $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch lines all the way across the paper.

Note: Mark these lines very lightly.

Cut along the vertical lines up to the equator line. If you want, you can cut a small point at the tip of each $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch strip. This helps to reduce bulk at the poles of the egg. I forgot to do it, and my egg turned out just fine!



Apply decoupage medium along the equator line and glue to the egg, making sure it's in the correct place (so that the strips are long enough to meet at both of the poles).

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Begin gluing and placing each strip, working in a spiral, and overlapping the previous strip.



Glue each strip individually – that is, apply glue to only one strip at a time. Repeat on the other side.



And here is your washi egg!

You can varnish it, or add more layers of decoupage medium. Make sure to allow each layer to dry completely before applying the next.