



DYEING DINO EGGS

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INGREDIENTS & SUPPLIES:

- Hard-boiled eggs* • 1 red cabbage + 1 bunch spinach + 4 tbsp ground coffee (or Nutella in a pinch) or food-safe food coloring
- 1 quart of water + 1 quart water + 2 cups of water • 2 tbsp + 2 tbsp white vinegar • 2 large bowls • Tongs or large spoons
- Paintbrush OR ½ cup of rice, beans, lentils, peanuts (any dry pantry good) • Natural Dye

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To make your natural dye, simmer the sliced cabbage in 1 quart of water & 2 tbsp vinegar for 30 mins. Let mixture cool and strain out the cabbage. Repeat step for the spinach in separate pot.
2. Set hard boiled eggs into the room-temperature cabbage dye for 90 minutes, stirring frequently for even color. They'll look blue instead of purple and they'll get darker blue as they dry!
3. Dip cabbage-dyed eggs for 30 mins. into spinach mixture until you have a blue-green shade. If available, add a tablespoon of turmeric to the spinach dye to make it brighter.
4. Mix 2 cups of water with 4 tbsp ground coffee and boil it down until it's syrupy in consistency. (If you don't have coffee, mixing some Nutella with water will also work.)
5. Let the eggs dry, with the eggs touching as little as possible so the color remains even.
6. To add speckles, take a paint brush and splatter the coffee onto the eggs by flicking the brush towards eggs and let dry. Alternatively, pour some coffee into a cup full of a pantry item of your choice and shake it up until the beans/rice/etc are coated in color. Drop one egg in at a time and give the cup a few shakes — the speckles will appear as the colored beans touch the egg!**
7. VOILA! Your very own dino eggs!



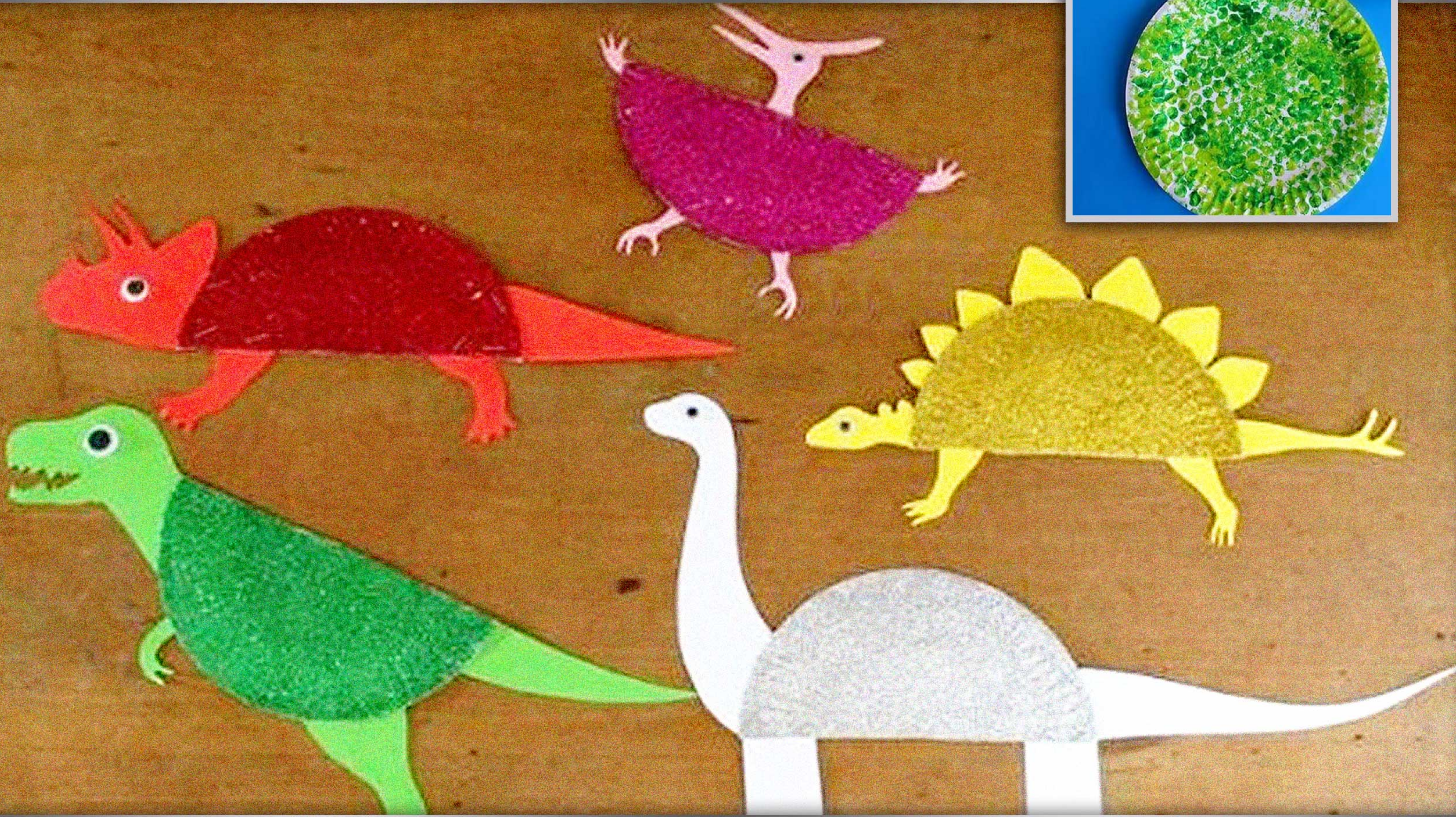
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*For eggs to last longer, instead of using hard-boiled eggs, dye raw eggs and let dry. Punch small hole in the bottom with a needle and let the raw egg run out. Natural dyes fade over time, so you can put clear varnish on an emptied, dyed egg shell to preserve your "dino egg" even longer. **If using food dye, adding vinegar to your water mixture will help the dye stick to the eggs. Use above instructions but substitute natural dyes with the following: For blue-green eggs, add 4 drops of blue dye and 3 drops of green dye to the vinegar water and dye the eggs for 5 minutes. Use 1 tbsp of water and 2 drops of red and 1 drop of green dye for the speckles in step 6.



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SUPPLIES:

- Paper Plates (Pre-cut into halves, save the extra)
- Construction Paper (for Dino Heads/Feet, etc.)
- Tempura Paint (Different Colors)
- Rolling Pins
- Small Bubble Wrap (1'x .5' piece, taped around rolling pins)
- Staplers or Glue Sticks
- Crayons

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Painting the Dino Body:** Set aside half of a paper plate. Take a rolling pin and wrap bubble wrap around the pin, secure it with tape. On a separate plate, add any color of tempera paint and roll the rolling pin onto the paint. Then take the paper plate half that was set aside and roll the rolling pin onto it to create your textured dinosaur body! Be creative and layer different colors of paint onto your rolling pin if desired. Let the plate dry. This is your dinosaur body!
- 2. Head, Horns, Spikes, and More!:** As the plate is drying, create your dinosaur's special features and other body parts. Use the extra material from your paper plates or construction paper to create its head, feet, horns, tail, or spikes. Check out your favorite dinosaur books for inspiration!
- 3. Putting It Together:** Once the plate is dry, ask an adult to help staple or glue the special features and extra body parts to the dinosaur body.
- 4. A Word to Remember:** As you finish your dinosaur, ask an adult to help you write one word on the back of your dinosaur to help you remember something special you learned about it and its special features (i.e. carnivore, wings, flying, etc.).



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DINOSAUR SHADOW PUPPETS



SUPPLIES:

For Puppets:

- Black cardstock (or opaque thin cardboard, like cereal box or milk carton) • Pencil/marker • Tape • Scissors
- White colored pencil or crayon (if using black cardstock)
- 3/16" dowels (or cut the sharp ends off BBQ skewers, or sticks)
- 1/8" brads (or twine/yarn with the ends knotted on either side)
- 1/8" hole punch (or poke small hole and use string/yarn to join)

For Screen:

- Cardboard or foam core (also try using a box) • Table lamp
- White butcher paper or parchment paper (or use 8.5x11 paper to make a small screen)

For Larger Setup:

- White sheet or shower curtain liner • Standing lamp
- Something to drape curtain over (i.e. curtain rod in doorway)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Make your pattern.** Puppets can have joints, or not. If you make a jointed puppet, consider where the joints will go for the most effective illustration of your movement. Joints on limbs should overlap the body of the puppet. Options for making a pattern:
 - a) Create your own by sketching a character directly onto cardstock and cutting out the parts. Assemble with brads and dowels.
 - b) Print an image, cut it out and trace it onto card stock, creating limbs and moving parts if you wish. Assemble with brads and dowels and perform! c) Print dinosaur puppet templates* below, trace onto cardstock for a more durable puppet, cut out and assemble with brads or string and dowels.
- 2. Cut out and assemble your pattern.** Punch holes where the limbs/moving parts should attach and insert brads or tie with yarn. Tape dowels to sections of the puppet you want to control. Fold a piece of tape over the end of the dowel/skewer so that the tape is half on the dowel and half off. Then tape the flexible folded tape to your puppet. Use two dowels, one for each hand and experiment with which limbs you want to control. Hint: some limbs work well on their own using the tabletop to create movement.
- 3. Make some scenery elements.** Cut out shapes from cardstock or cardboard, or use existing items such as artificial plants. Lots of things at home can make interesting shadows to set your scene.
- 4. Make your shadow screen.** For a tabletop setup, cut a rectangle out of the center of a large piece of cardboard or foam core (should resemble a frame). Tape white butcher paper to one side of the frame, covering the entire opening. Cut two large triangles out of cardboard or foam core and glue or tape these to the back of your frame to make it stand up. Alternately, cut a rectangle out of a box lid, or shallow box (cut at least 1/2" inside the edges) and tape paper over the opening. Position a table lamp behind and above the puppeteer. Put your puppet in front of lamp aimed at a wall. No screen required!
- 5. Set up your screen, light your lamp, and perform!** Write a script! Improvise movements! Explore how the shadows change size and move through the space!



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