



## What is a Peep Egg?

A peep egg was made of alabaster, a material that lets in lots of light. Inside there were pictures on a spindle which you could look at through a lens in the top. The pictures were secret as they could only be seen through the lens. Enough light could travel through the alabaster to make the pictures show up. They came in all different sizes and all had different pictures inside.





## How to make my own Peep Egg?

### What you'll need:

Scissors

Sellotape

Tissue paper

Paintbrush

Large plastic bottle

Pictures for inside

PVA glue

Empty toilet roll

Skewer (ideally metal)

A hole punch

### Step one

Take your empty plastic bottle and cut it into thirds. Recycle the middle piece so you just have the top and bottom pieces.



## Step 2

Choose your colour of tissue paper and using your paintbrush and PVA glue, cover your bottle pieces with tissue paper. **This is quite a sticky job so make sure you put newspaper down!**



## Step 3

While you leave these to dry cut your empty toilet roll to the right size for the bottle and glue or sellotape your pictures to the roll. Put the other half of the roll to one side – we'll need it later!

#### **Step 4**

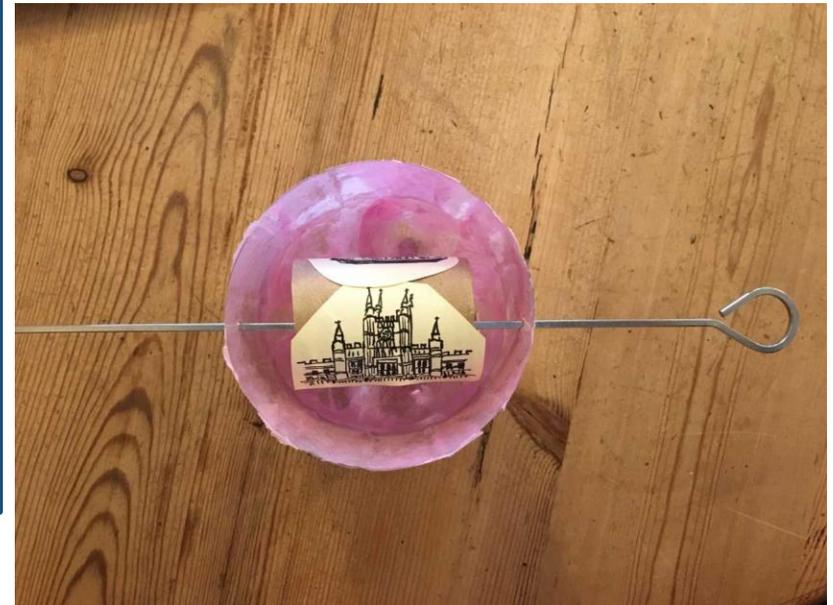
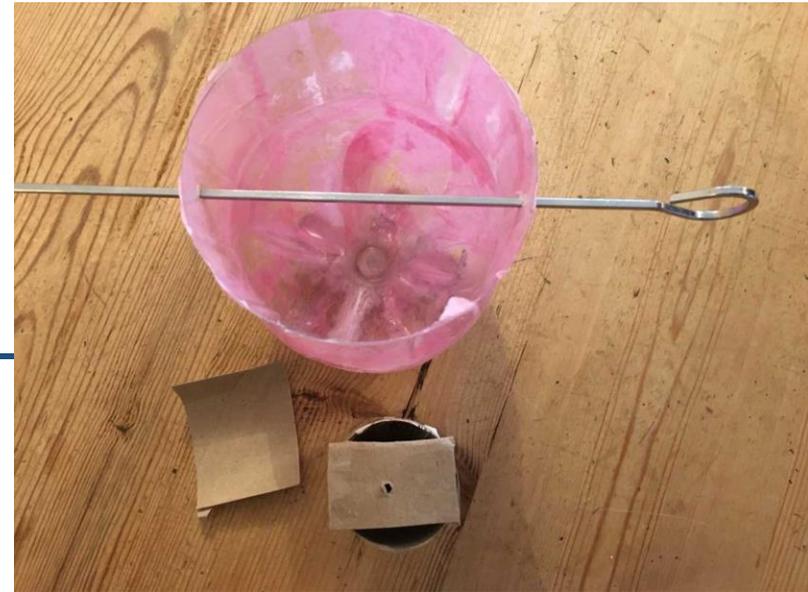
Once your bottle is dry, use your hole punch to make two holes on either side of your **bottom bottle piece**. This will be for your skewer.



#### **Step 5**

To secure your picture roll in place so it will rotate with the skewer, get the other half of the toilet roll and cut 2 pieces. Poke a small hole in each one and tape to the ends of your picture roll. **If you can use the skewer to make the hole it will be the perfect size – be careful if it is sharp.**

Place your roll on the skewer and put it in place!



### **Step 6**

Tape the top half of your bottle on to the bottom half and make sure it is secure.



### **Finish!**

Take a look through the top of the bottle to look at your pictures!

Experiment with torches and different levels of light to see what works best. You can also paint the outside of your peep egg over the tissue paper if you want to!

See if you can make a peep egg out of other items like yoghurt pots, jam jars or even a cardboard box! (just cut some holes in it to let in some light!)

