

# Let's make a relief portrait of a young spring deer



## HANDY HINTS/TOP TIPS

- Scrap card can also be used as a paint palette
- Used food tray or an empty yoghurt pot ideal for Glue/water mix to make Papier Mâché
- Have some kitchen roll to hand when painting
- Whilst waiting for bits to dry, why not have a go at one of the other festive activities

## YOU WILL NEED

### Materials:

- Cardboard egg box
- Cardboard scrap
- Pencil
- Ribbon - for hanging loop
- Masking tape
- Tightly scrunched up newspaper ball
- Craft glue + water mix = papier mâché
- Paint - brown, white, red or pink

### Equipment:

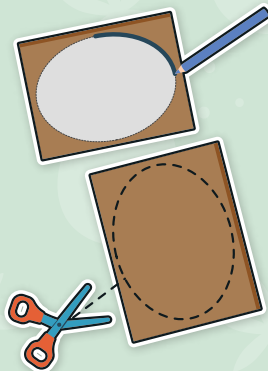
- Brushes & water pot
- Paint palette
- Scissors



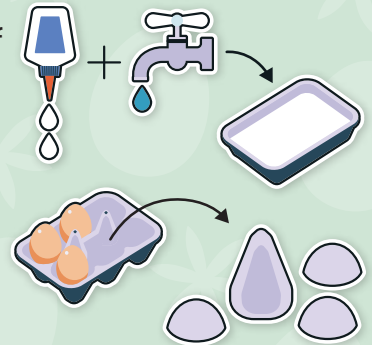
**When using scissors, make sure you have an adult to help you.**



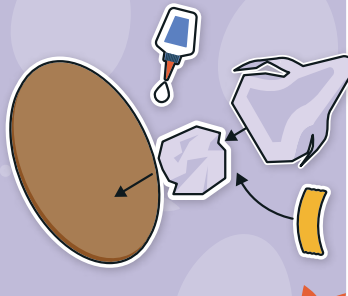
**1** Draw an oval with the height of 16cm on scrap cardboard. A template for this can be found on the next page. Carefully cut this out. This is your backboard. If you want to decorate it, do it now. You could collage, paint or even cover with wrapping paper.



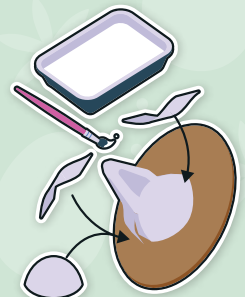
**2** Next, prepare a small amount of papier mâché. Mix 2 parts glue and 1 part water into a milky consistency. Shred some card egg box. Soak the torn up egg box in to the glue mix to create a mushy mix.



**3** Stick your tight ball of newspaper to the base with craft glue or tape. Take a triangular section of egg box and tear up the sides - this is going to be your deer's snout. Place it on top of the ball and secure it with masking tape.



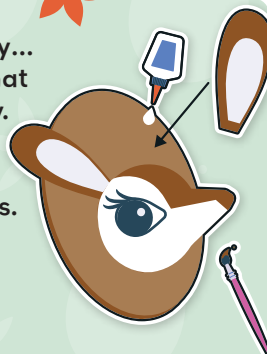
**4** Now begin to place papier mâché mush around the snout and on to ball to help form a solid looking head. Don't rush this stage. It will need overnight to dry so you have plenty of time to experiment with the process until you are happy.



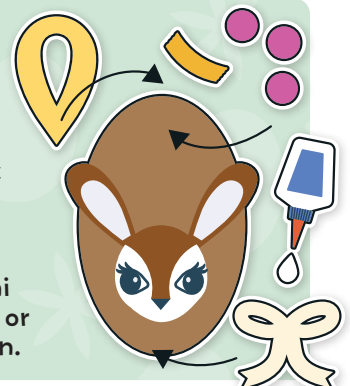
**5** Cut out the ears from a piece of cardboard and paint them. Templates for the ears can be found on the next page.



**6** Next day... check that the head is dry. If it is, paint the head and attach the ears. Don't forget to give your deer some eyes!



**7** Finally add a hanging loop to back of base. Add further decoration, such as mini poms poms or velvet ribbon.



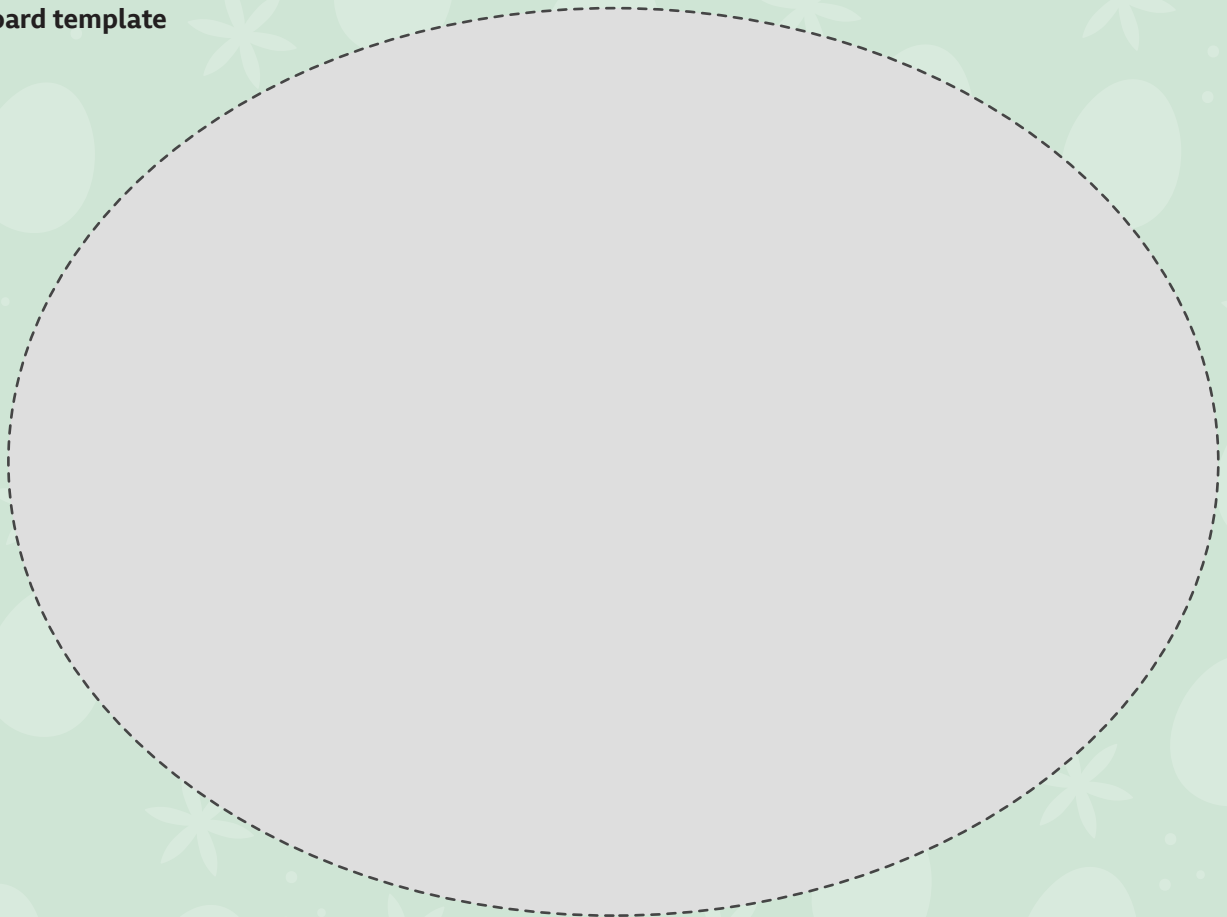
Create lots of different pieces by adding further details and items such as buttons, ribbon, tonal range - shading or mixing and blending colours when painting.  
**Explore-Experiment-Create**

Why not try and make other Spring animals and create your own portrait gallery.

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Backboard template



Deer ears template (outer and inner)

