



Forest School Home Learning Pack: Easter Themed

It is now 2 weeks since the schools closed and I hope you are all surviving the home learning. We know it's technically Easter Holidays now but after the success and demand of the first pack we have now created an Easter themed pack to continue to help inspire you with ideas for you and your child(ren) during the lockdown period. We have generalised activities so that we offer all children the same regardless of age, you may find some activities are more suited to your child(ren) than others but all are worth a try!

Easter Home Learning Pack includes:

5 Classic Forest School Activities

3 Science related activities

3 English related activities

3 Health and Wellbeing activities

We will be frequently posting new ideas and information on our Facebook and website if you need more inspiration for activities. If you enjoy doing these activities please share your feedback and experiences with us - we'd love to hear from you.

Please stay safe during these activities and adult supervision is advised at all times.

We look forward to catching up with the children upon return to the school.



Happy Easter from,
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	Activities	Resources Required	Potential Risks	Impact
1 	Nest Building Collect items from outside or in to create a nest of any size! Discuss what nests are for and if you're a really good nest builder maybe a bird might lay eggs. (Parent input required!)	Clay if you have any, Sticks, grass, mud, (can be used with any home items too)	Contact with any harmful plants e.g. stinging nettles, Uneven surfaces	Children learn how to construct and the role of the nest.
2 	Nest/ Burrow Hunting Keep them entertained while out getting your exercise and see if you can spot any nests or burrows. Be careful not to disturb them at this time of year! Can you find any other habitats?	Eyes	Uneven surfaces	Children can find and identify animal habitats.
3 	Bird Feeders Make an apple feeder, or carton feeder using the help sheets included.	Clean juice carton, paint or pens, bird seed, string and scissors.	Use of scissors, contact with sharp edge on containers.	Children can create bird feeders and see if they get any visitors.
4 	Egg Carton Chicks Use the help sheet to make your Easter Chick. Can you make any other animals from the Egg Cartons?	Egg Carton, colouring pens or paint, scissors, glue, tape.	Use of scissors, use of glue	Children to make a seasonal animal using recycled material.
5 	Rabbit/ Chick Mask Use the template if you need. Decorate your mask using natural items or use craft materials. When you wear the mask what noises does your animal you make? How do you move?	Glue, Natural items or craft material, scissors, string	Use of scissors and glue.	Children to learn more about the seasonal animals and use decorative skills.

Science	Activities	Resources Required	Potential Risks	Impact
1	Float or Sink Using the help sheet find several items to test. Identify the item, make your prediction then find out the results!	A bucket or container, water, items you don't mind getting wet e.g. apple, coin, leaf, stone, feather	Water unattended	Children to be able to make a prediction then find results of an experiment.
2	Fall or Fly? Using the Science investigation plans, plan an experiment to find out which material falls the slowest. Why do the object fall at different speeds?	A safe supervised space for release, various items such as feather, dandelion seed, stone, grass blade, stick, or any other materials, timer	Child(ren) at height e.g. out a window, items falling on people	Children to be able to understand a method and KS2 to think about fair testing.
3	Egg-Experiment Use the help sheet and prompt sheet to help. To save wasting eggs, boil them before the experiment and eat them afterwards!	Approx. 6 eggs, create 6 different protection methods using various materials e.g. bubble wrap	Child(ren) at height e.g. out a window, items falling on people	Children to construct protection measures to save the egg and record experiment.

English	Activities	Resources Required	Potential Risks	Impact
1	Easter Acrostic Poem Using each letter of the word Easter can you create a poem? Maybe describe your feelings about an Easter egg hunt?	Help Sheet if wanted.	Children expecting an Easter egg hunt.	Children can relate to feelings to create an Easter themed acrostic poem.
2	Write the Adventure of the Easter Bunny The Characters - Describe your Easter Bunny Set the scene - Does the Easter Bunny do any preparation for Easter? The plot - Describe the journey the Easter Bunny is about to embark on. Conflict - Does something happen on the journey? Resolution - How does the problem get solved? Is there a happy ending?	Use writing frames if you would like to and draw a picture of the Easter bunny on the Adventure.	N/A	Children to use 5 story components to create a story.
3	Read a story from the Tales of Peter Rabbit YouTube - The tale of Peter Rabbit Read by Rose Byrne.	YouTube if you don't have the hardcopy.	Online Safety	Children to listen/ read a classic story.

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Health and Wellbeing	Activities	Resources Required	Potential Risks	Impact
1	Alternative Easter hunts	Ideas sheet included	Moving around, excited about and the influence of chocolate consumption	Children to participate in an alternative Easter hunt
2	Mindfulness Easter Colouring	Colouring pages included	N/A	Children to experience calmness and creativity while colouring.
3 	Egg Mandala Decorate an egg or use an egg shaped stone and create a pattern in a circular shape.	Egg/ Stone, pens	Dropping of egg/stone, use of pens	Children to experience a relaxation technique with an Easter theme.

Homemade Carton Bird Feeder



You will need a juice carton, scissors, string, a small stick, paint or pens for decorating.

With help from an adult, cut a shape out of opposite sides of the carton. Make sure you leave approximately 5cm at the base of the carton.



If you want to decorate your carton and they are brightly coloured we recommend giving them a cover of white before you decorate. This means your patterns will show clearer.



Paint or colour in your carton using any design you wish!



At the top of the carton make a hole, use your string to thread through and tie to make a hanger.

At the base of your carton make another hole on both side and use a stick to push through. This is for the bird to land on to feed!

Fill up with bird seed and hang in your garden to see who visits!

Egg Carton Easter Chick



1. Cut two cups from an egg carton. The best type of carton to use is the cardboard kind. It soaks up paint much better. You can try using the foam kind, but the paint may not stick as well. Make sure that you cut the cups apart so that they are two separate pieces. Trim the edges so that they are nice and smooth. You want a nice round shape.



2. Tape the cups together along one edge. Set the cups down, side by side, with the inside facing up. Fold a strip of masking tape over the edges where the cups are touching. This tape will act as a hinge. For extra security, close the cups, and add a strip of tape on the outside. Make sure that it's on the same side as the inside tape. You want to be able to open and close your chick.



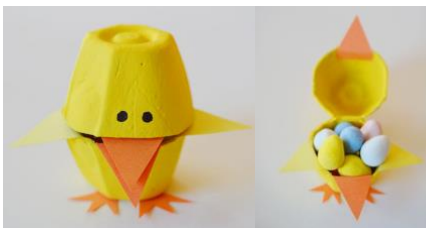
3. Paint the inside and outside of the cups. Paint inside first (easier to hold this way round), then the outside. The best paint to use is yellow acrylic but any will do the job! Leave to dry while you make the chick's features.



4. Wings and Beak. Cut two orange and two yellow triangle shapes for the beak and wings. Make the all triangles a little bit taller than you want them to be. This will allow you to attach them to the chick with glue. The triangles should be the same size, and no larger than the bottom of your egg cups. The yellow triangles can be the same size as the beak, or a little bit bigger. Glue the beak pieces to the top and bottom cups. Draw a line of glue along the bottom edges of the orange triangles. Press the triangles against the *inside* top and bottom edges of the egg cups. The bottom is the cup that has the feet attached. The upper cup should only have the beak piece attached. Fold the beak and wings down. When you glued the beak and wing pieces down, they were sticking straight up. This is not very chick-like, so fold them down over the edges of the egg cup. Don't worry if they stick out a little.



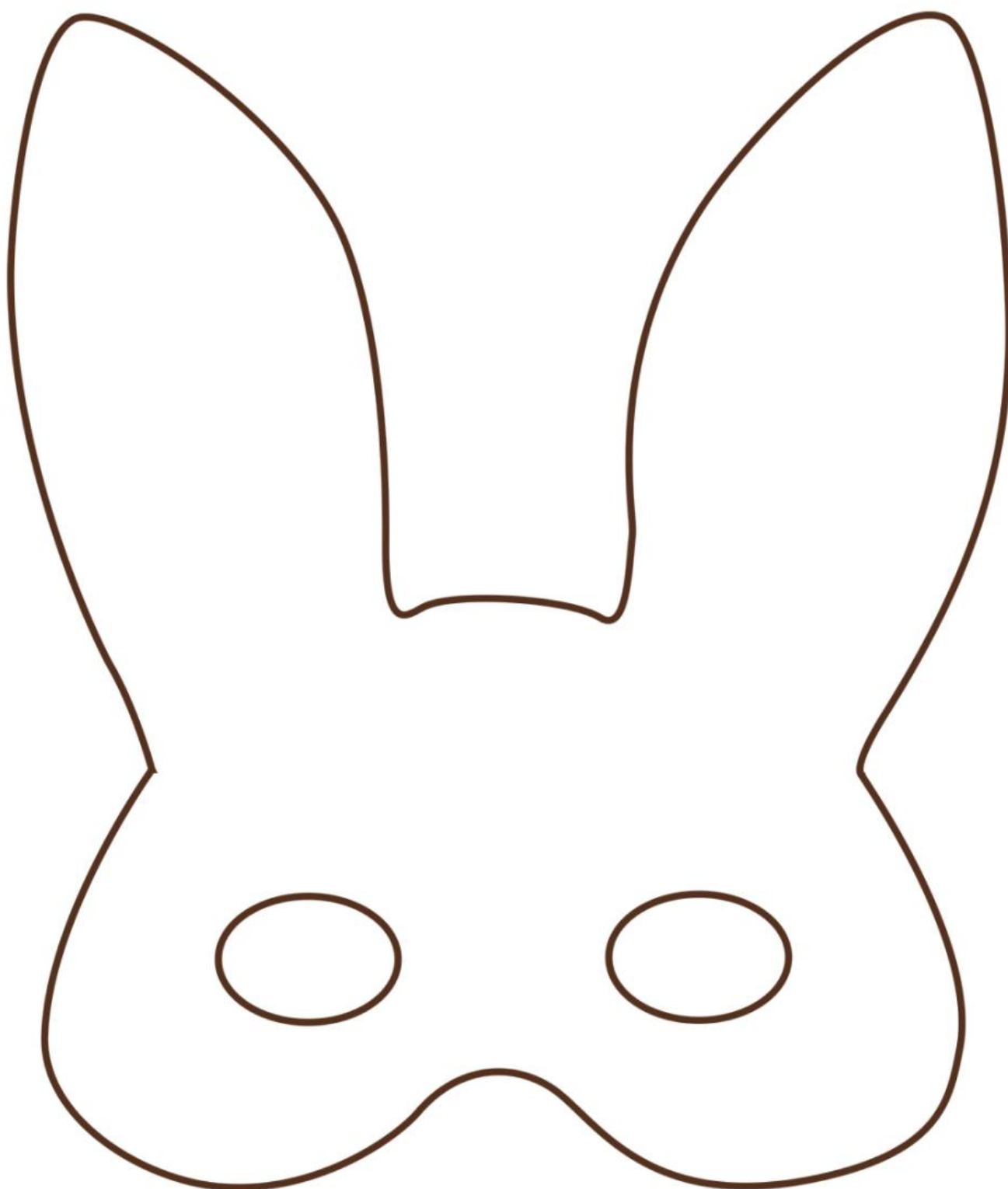
5. Chick Feet. You will need two pieces. Make sure that they are smaller than the base of your egg carton cup. Glue the feet to the bottom of your chick. Make sure that the toes are pointing *away* from the hinge, and that they are sticking out from under the chick. The hinge will be on the back of the chick.



6. Add some eyes to the top cup. Close the chick and turn it so that the beak is facing you. Use a black marker to draw two dots on the top cup, right above the beak. You can also glue on two tiny googly eyes instead.

7. Fill the chick with candy, if desired.

Decorate your mask with nature

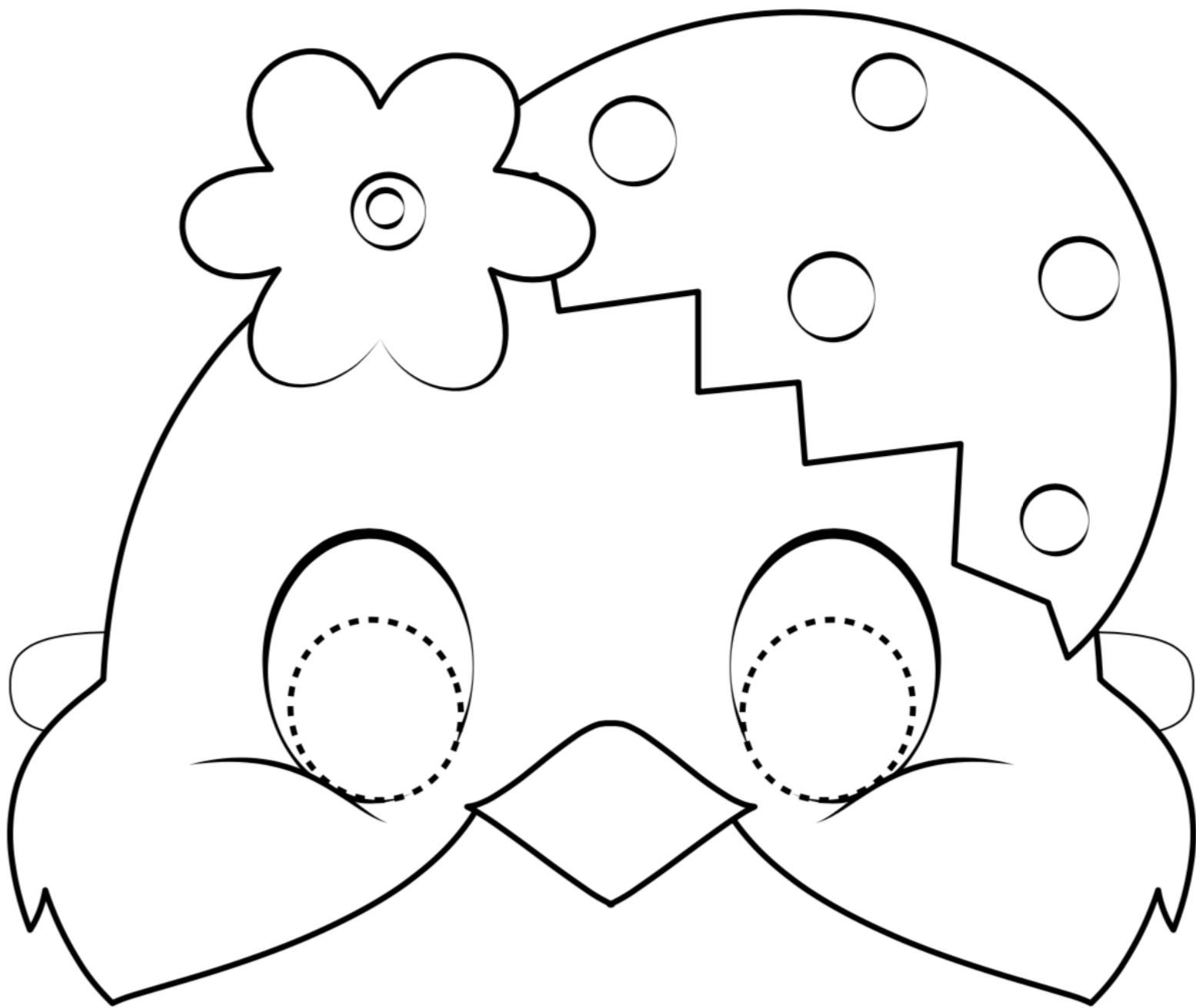


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Does it Float or Does it Sink?

Object	Prediction	Result

Science Investigation Plan

Aim

Results

Method

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Science Investigation Plan

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Fair Test

Method

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Conclusion

Equipment

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Egg Drop Science Experiment

How will you carry out your test?

What will you do to make your test fair?

Record your predictions and results on the table below.

Material	Prediction	Result



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Egg Drop

Science Experiment



What materials could you wrap your egg in to stop it from breaking?



How many layers would you need?



Could you make a parachute for your egg?



Could you construct a case for it?



How can you make sure your test is fair?



What height will you drop the egg from?



What other materials could you test?



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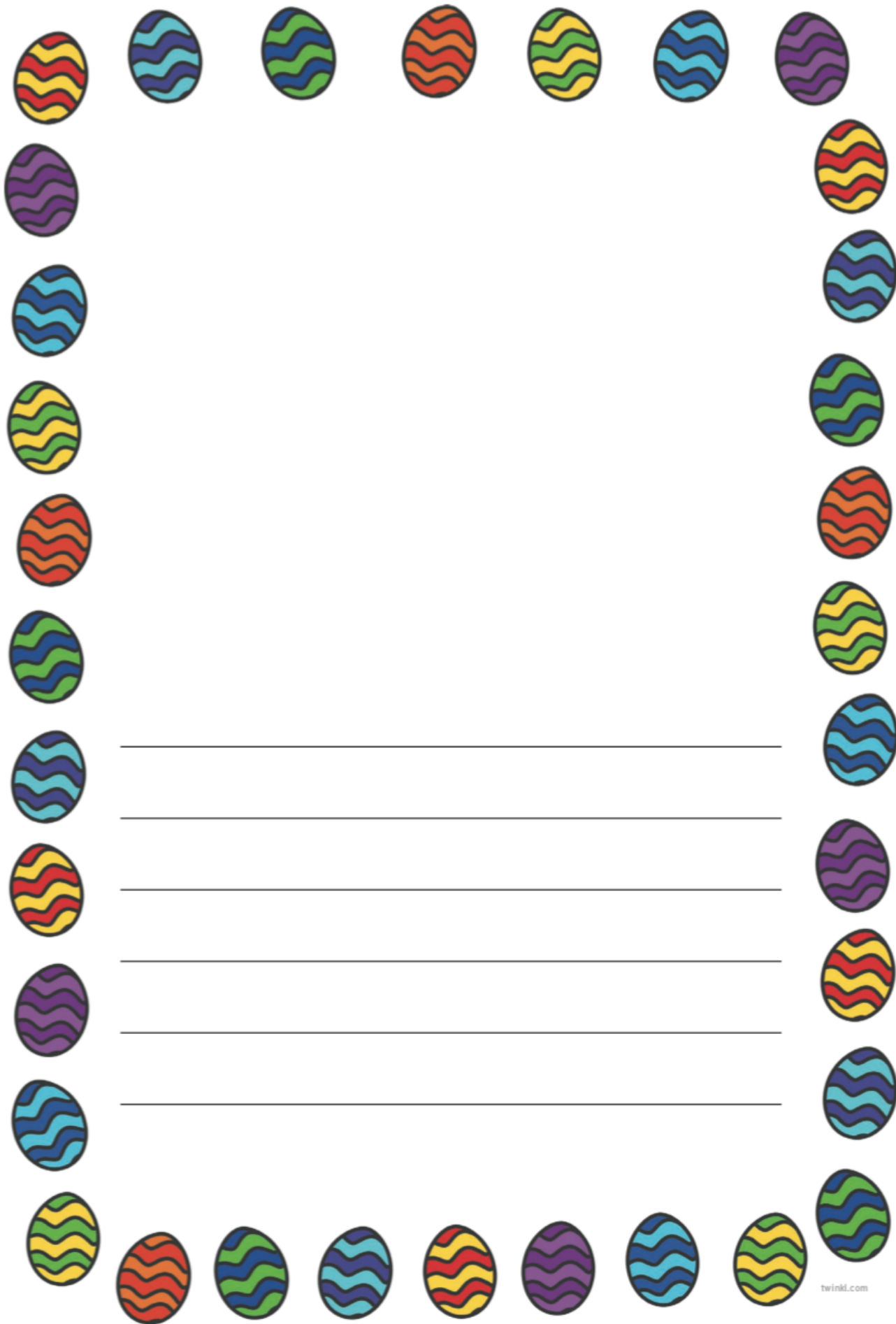
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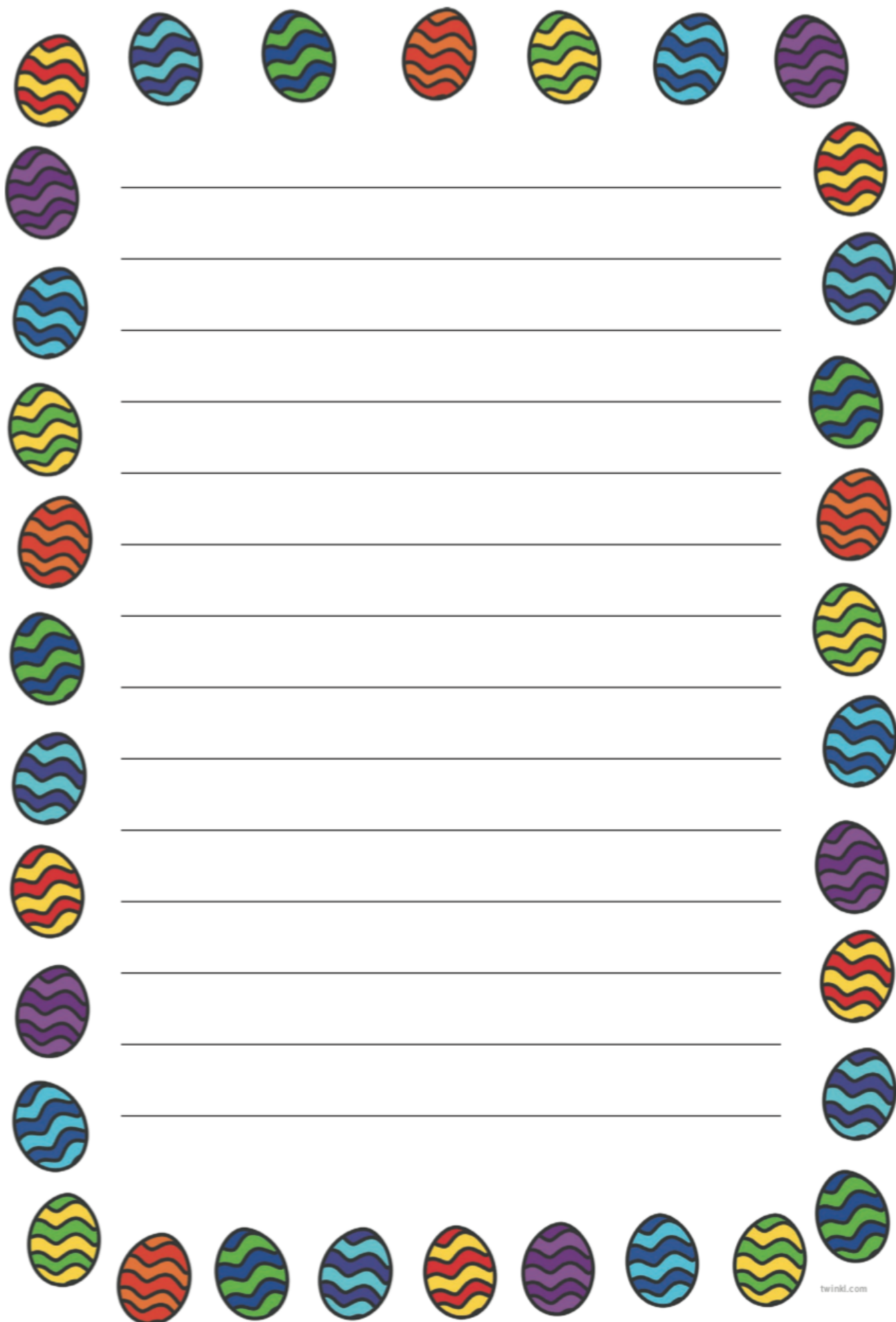
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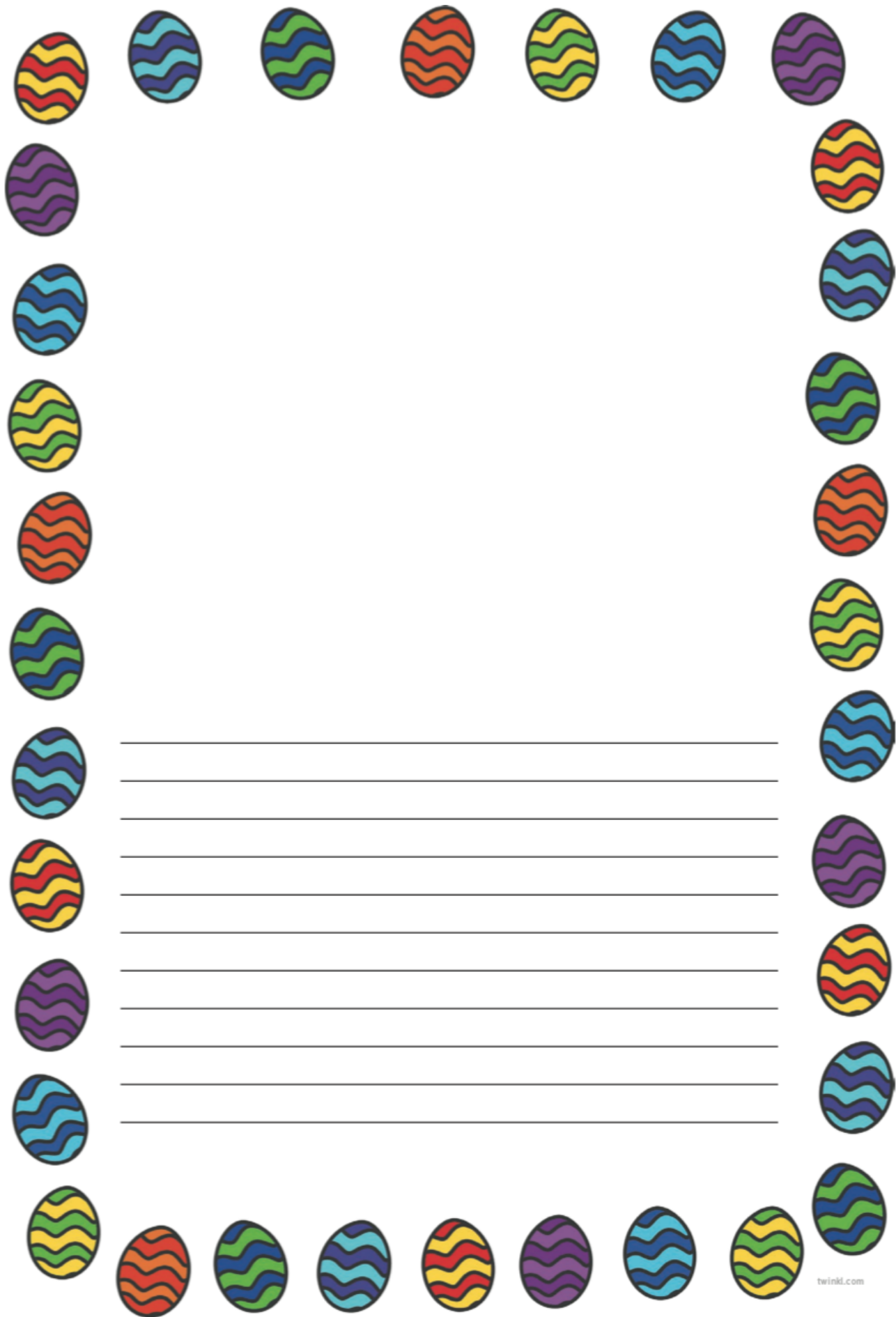
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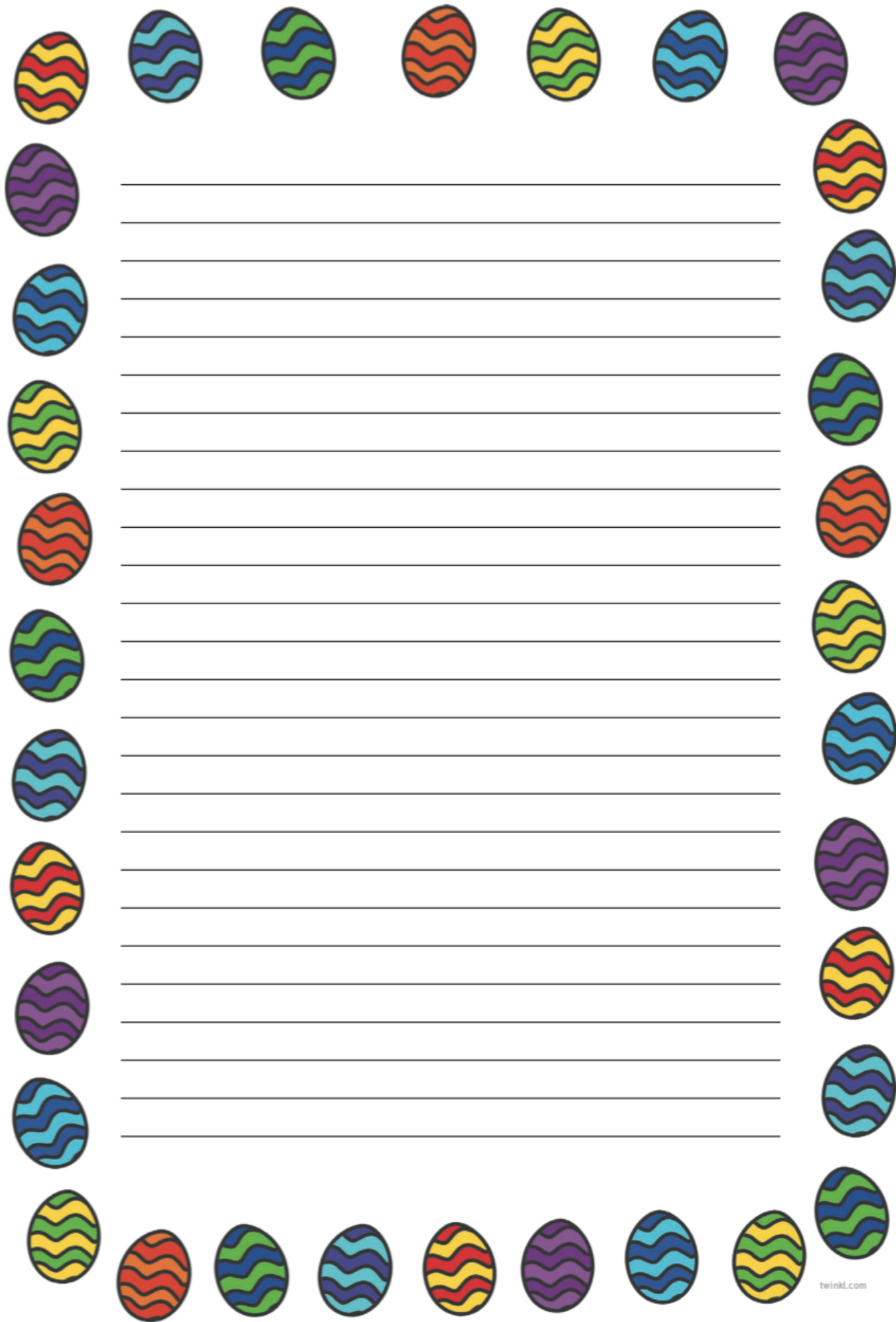
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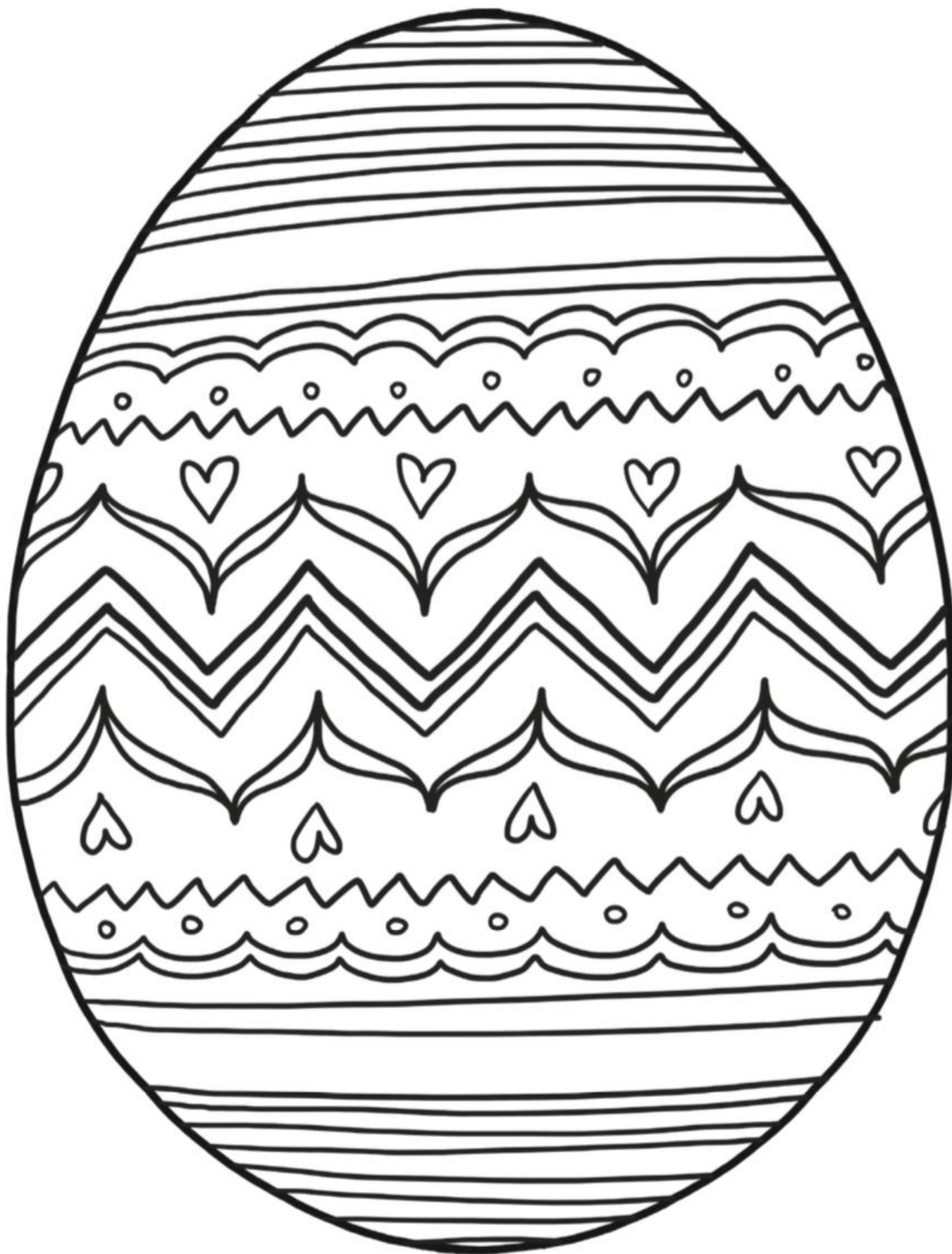
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Alternative Easter Hunts

1. **Nature Hunt** – What natural items would the Easter Bunny like? On a walk near you, take a basket or container and see what natural goodies you can find and offer to the Easter Rabbit in exchange for an egg.
2. **Easter Rabbits Reversed** – Get the roles reversed, the children hide the eggs and the adults hunt. If you play by the normal rules any eggs you find you get to keep too!
3. **Eggs-ercise Hunt** – Complete physical challenges to earn eggs e.g. 10 star jumps, 5 push ups, 20 ball bounces etc.
4. **House work Hunt** – Tired of doing all the housework yourself – set the children to work to earn their Easter eggs e.g. sweeping, tidying away toys, laying the table for meals.
5. **Puzzle Piece Hunt** – Inside the eggs hide a piece of a jigsaw. To win the egg the child must complete the jigsaw!
6. **Hoppin' Hunt** – Inside the eggs or as challenges encourage the children to complete movements or sounds like animals e.g. hop like a rabbit around the garden, moo like a cow, drink water from a bowl like a dog, stomp like an elephant etc.
7. **Treasure Hunt** – Give your child clues as to where the egg might be e.g. Follow the clues for a gift for you, the first one is easy, it's in your shoe! And Scrub-a-dub-dub, I'm in the ...?
8. **Egg and Spoon Obstacle** – For your child to win their egg they have to complete an obstacle course while balancing their egg on a spoon, get them going round in circles, under things, up the stairs, and around things.
9. **Scrambled** – Give the children letters either using plastic ones or written on card and cut up. The letters should make the word where an egg is hiding e.g. EFRDIG would be FRIDGE.
10. **Follow the string** – This requires a lot of string and agility. Set up a trail for your child to follow to their prize!

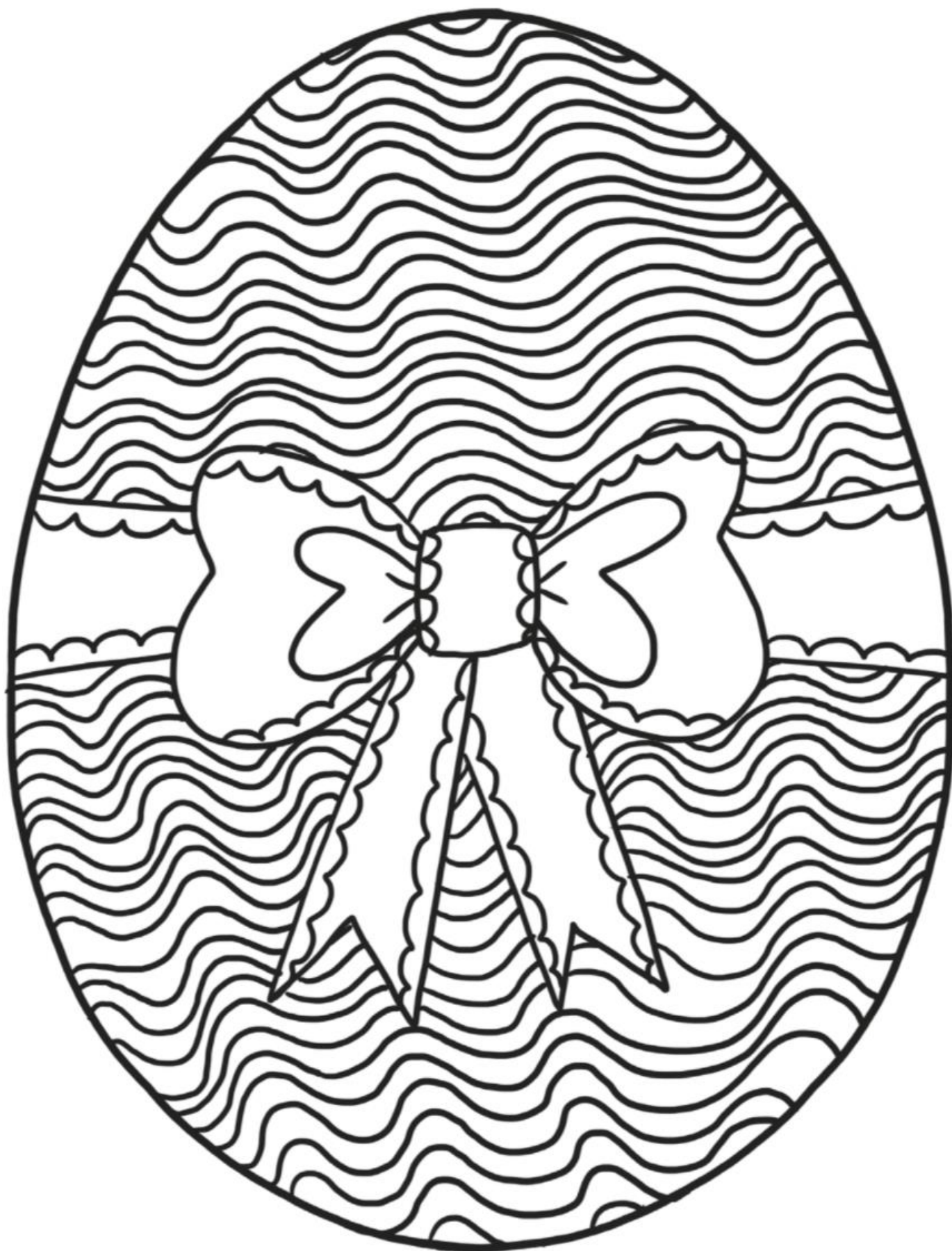


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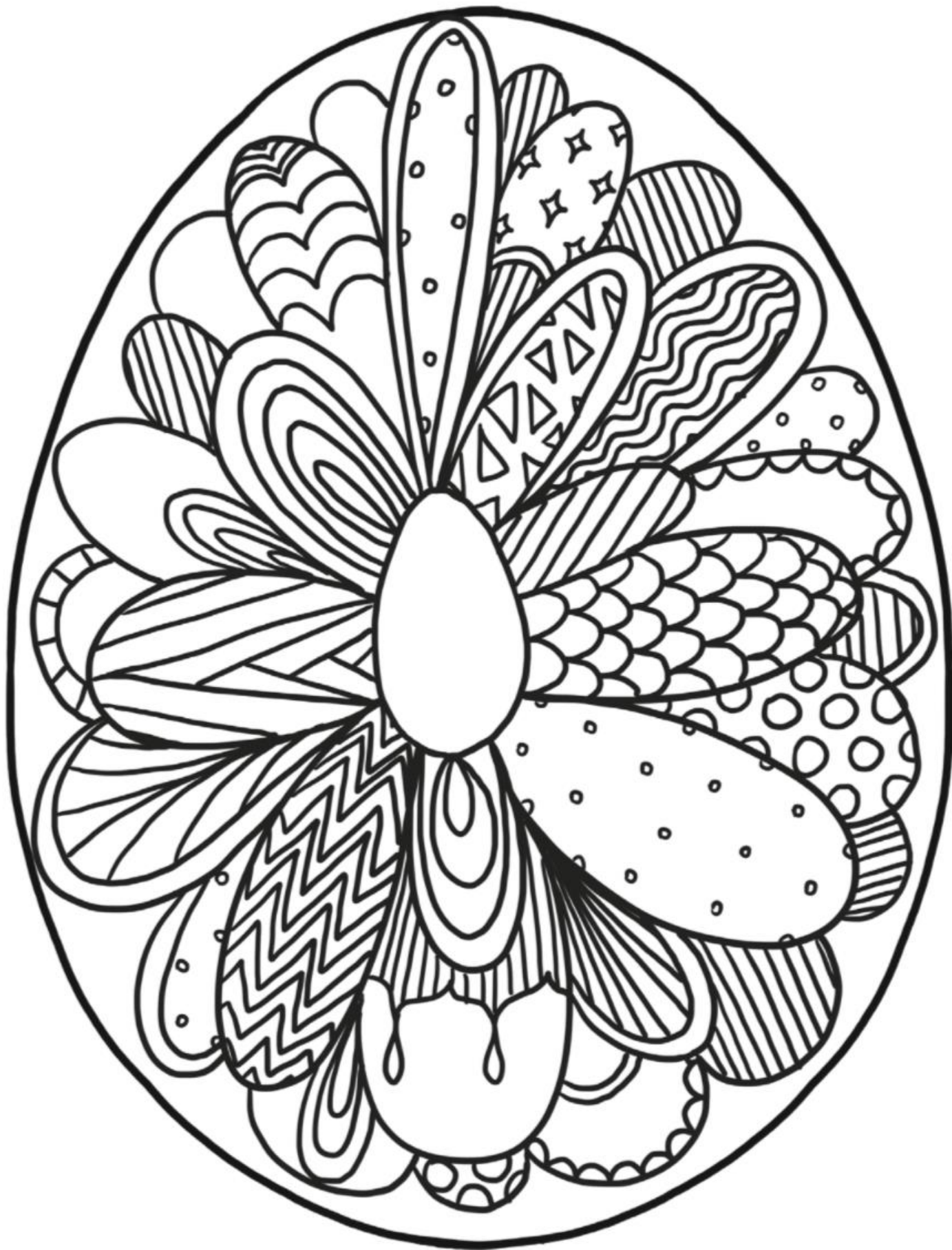


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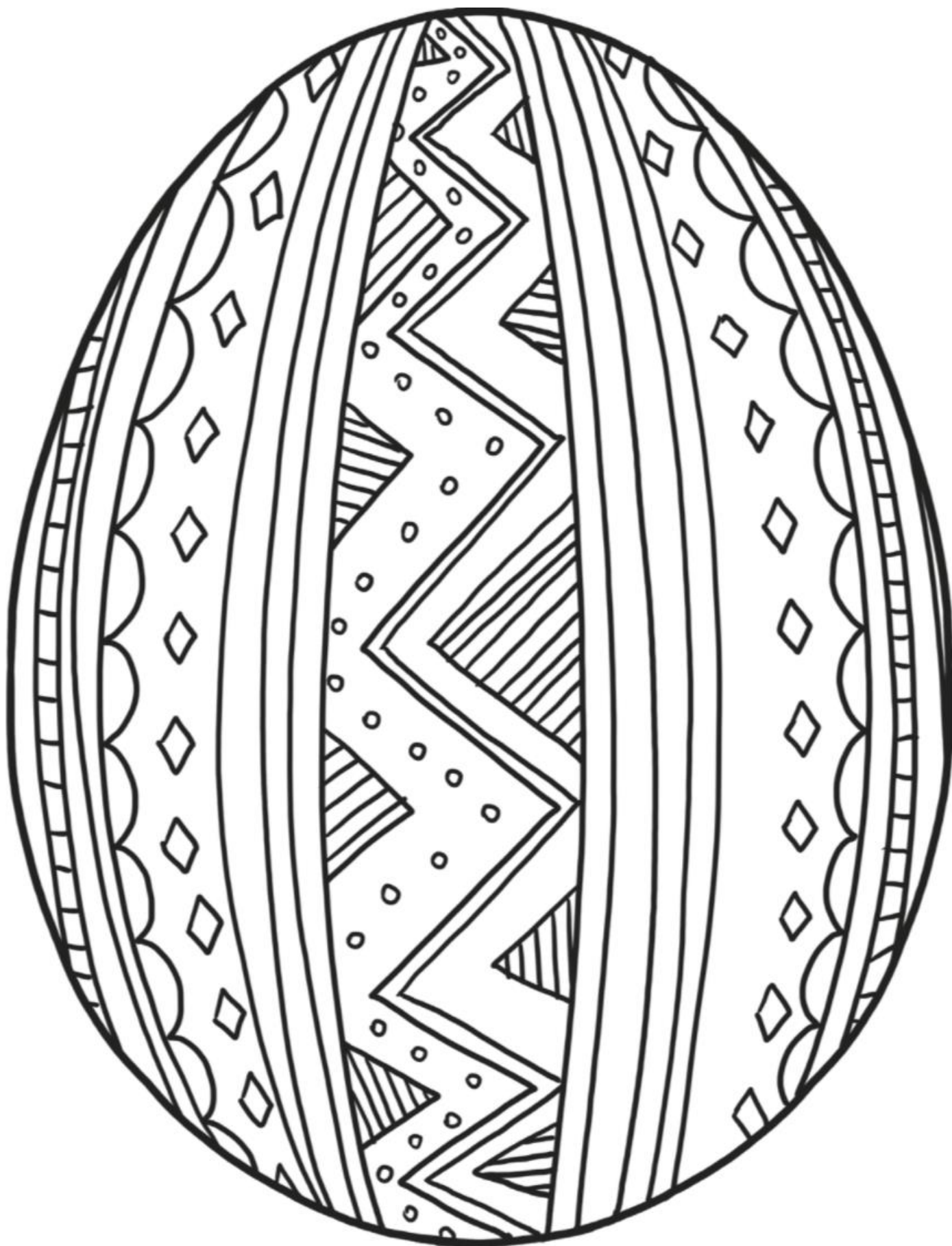


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