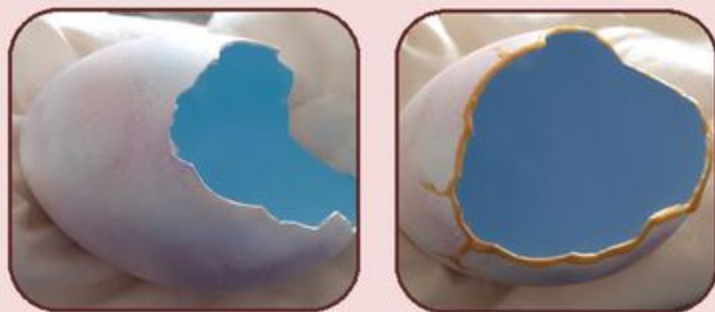


Using up those broken egg shells...

Some time ago I had hidden away some broken rhea eggs, not wanting to just throw them away! I decided to see what could be done with one of them recently. As you can see, there was a large area of shell that had broken away. I used a matt baby blue paint on the inside and a matt white paint on the outer egg. I then mixed up some pastel shades using Lumière paints in Magenta, Violet and Blue pearl added to the White pearl version. This was sponged over the egg in a very random manner to give a soft, pearl finish.



A gold relief paste was used on the cut edges of the shell and the 'cracking' was enhanced as seen in the photograph. I wasn't 100% happy with the gold colouring, so went over the relief paste with a darker gold colour.

The base was painted to match the egg and I sprayed the stand white and gave that the same treatment as the egg. Gold cord trimmed the base, echoing the gold edging around the opening on the egg.

Having glued the stand to the base, then the egg to the stand, I added a thick card platform base and then tried to decide how to decorate the egg. Plan A (a resin figurine) didn't really work for me, so Plan B was adopted. I made masses of cold porcelain flowers in lilac, pale blue, pale pink and a few tiny lemon blossoms and started to trim up the outside of the egg. The addition of 1.5mm no hole pearls to the flower centres finished them off nicely. Tiny ferns, ivy leaves and more in a soft green added that extra touch of colour which brought the egg to life. Tiny loops of pale pink silk ribbon were tucked within the flower clusters and little dots of a pearl relief paste drew the eye away from the main cluster. The final decision was to add a bed of pink, lilac, white and pale blue marabou trim. This provided a bed into which three smaller eggs, decorated with the smaller cold porcelain flowers are now nestled. I hadn't expected the reaction when I showed the finished egg and have been busy making flowers ever since!

