

Solar-Active Egg Collar Project by Mary Jane Allen  
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Indoors, the eggs are white with colored decorations. When exposed to bright sunlight, the solar-active threads quickly change to beautiful colors. Return indoors, and they slowly fade back to white. Thread will change colors more than 2,000 times.

Supplies:

Pale grey linen  
Polymesh stabilizer  
Solar-Active embroidery threads  
Rayon embroidery threads  
Pattern for a girl's collar or dress with a collar  
Eggshid Designs from Perfect Little Stitches

Using the pattern for the collar, plan where you want design to be embroidered on the grey linen. Do not cut the fabric until after embroidering.

Using your software, combine the small Painted Eggs designs with the small Grass Strip and Tuft designs. Depending on your hoop size and the size of the collar, you may choose to create two designs to combine in the Pfaff Big Hoop or a Giant Hoop It All or by rehooping. The grass should embroider after the eggs.

Cut a piece of polymesh stabilizer large enough to use as interfacing for the entire collar. Use solar-active threads to embroider the background colors of the eggs. Choose rayon threads to match the solar-active threads, but in a darker

shade (or use orange with yellow and yellow with orange).

Cut out and sew the collar as directed on the pattern. Do not place iron directly on the solar-active threads.

Eggs in the Grass is provided as a split design for the Pfaff Big Hoop or for multi-hooping. Embroider Eggshid1 first in the upper part of the hoop then Eggshid2 in the lower part of the hoop. In some formats, the combined design is Eggshid (9" design).

Colors:

Eggshid1

1 - lavender solar  
2 - purple

3 - pink solar  
4 - fuschia

5 - blue solar  
6 - Chinese blue

7 - red solar  
8 - dark red

9 - green grass

Eggshid2

10 - orange solar  
11 - yellow

12 - green solar  
13 - teal

14 - lavender solar  
15 - purple

16 - yellow solar  
17 - tangerine

18 - blue solar  
19 - Chinese blue

20 - green grass

Solar-active thread can be purchased from

SolarActive International -- [http://www.solaractiveintl.com/index\\_newa.htm](http://www.solaractiveintl.com/index_newa.htm)

Discount Embroidery Supply -- (888) 890-8395 or [discountembroidery@prodigy.net](mailto:discountembroidery@prodigy.net)

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