

# Easter Elf



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# YAY! IT'S EASTER ELF SPRING TRAINING!



Only this year, a sleigh drawn by inexperienced reindeer-in-training is spiraling down...

In crashes Christmas Elf, who promptly joins the Spring Training fun, hopping higher, weaving better baskets, and shredding significantly more grass than Easter Elf. Will Christmas Elf keep ALL the glory, or is there something Easter Elf is better at after all, including the chance to help a friend?

With Rochelle Groskreutz's laugh-out-loud storyline and Leah DiPasquale's luminous illustrations, *Easter Elf* is a sweet holiday treat sure to delight young readers.

“... readers will have fun with the mixing of holidays and the candy-colored cartoon elves.”

-Publishers Weekly



**Rochelle Groskreutz**  
*Easter Elf* Spotter

Rochelle Groskreutz first spotted the shadow of an Easter Elf on her bedroom wall when she was nine years old. Many Easters later, she began writing for children. She has since published stories and articles in children's magazines, including *Highlights* and *FACES*. *Easter Elf* is her debut picture book. When she's not writing, Rochelle loves baking cookies for her husband and three daughters, although most of the dough never makes it into the oven. Hop online to visit her at [www.rochellegroskreutz.com](http://www.rochellegroskreutz.com).



**Leah DiPasquale**  
*Jelly Bean Eater*

Leah DiPasquale is an illustrator, graphic designer, and Easter candy enthusiast. Much like a bowl full of jelly beans, her digital illustration style is sweet and cheerful. In fact, she ate 1,228 jelly beans while creating the illustrations for *Easter Elf*. She has created art for children's magazines and books. *Easter Elf* is her third picture book. When she's not illustrating, Leah enjoys biking around Madison, Wisconsin where she lives. Hop online to visit her at [www.leahdipasquale.com](http://www.leahdipasquale.com).

# HOP IN SHAPE!

Ready to play Hop in Shape? Wait. Everybunny knows you can't perform eggceptional Easter Elf activities until you're properly warmed up:

**Hop and count to 10.** Rest.

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## How to play:

Draw different colored shapes in an area outside with sidewalk chalk. Or in an inside area, cut several pieces of colored paper into different Easter shapes and tape them to the floor. Have a kid or adult call out any colors or shapes they wish; players must hop to them. It's a great way to get exercise while practicing your color and shape searching skills!

*Keep hopping for exercise—soon you'll be ready for Hop-'Til-You-Drop Class at Easter Elf Spring Training!*

# IS WEAVING YOUR SPECIALTY, TOO?

(Ask an adult to help with this craft)

## What you need:

- scissors
- colored paper
- tape

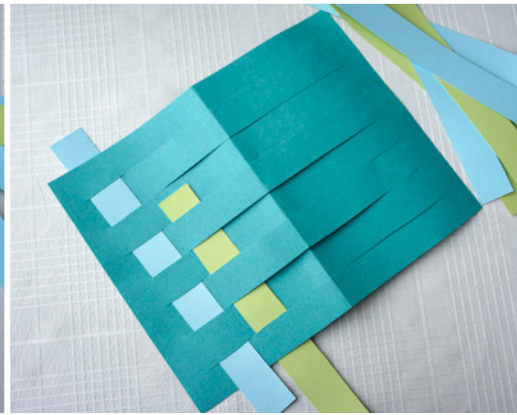
## What to do:



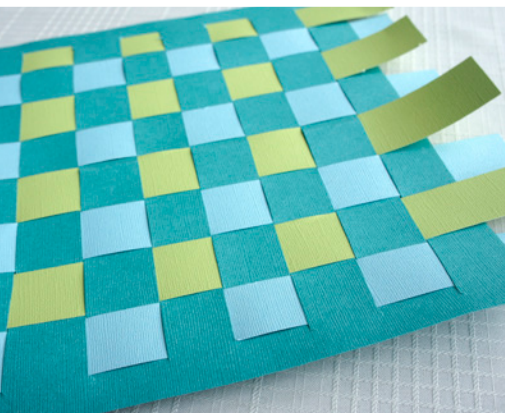
1. Cut several different colors of paper into one-inch strips (you will want about 10 strips total).



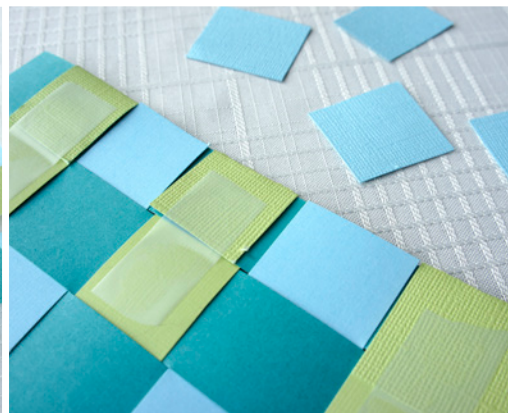
2. Fold another piece of colored paper in half. Starting at the fold, cut slits in the paper, each about an inch apart. Stop cutting an inch or so before the edge.



3. Unfold your paper. Starting at the top of your first long cut, weave a colored strip over and under your slits.



4. Repeat weaving until colored strips fill your entire paper.



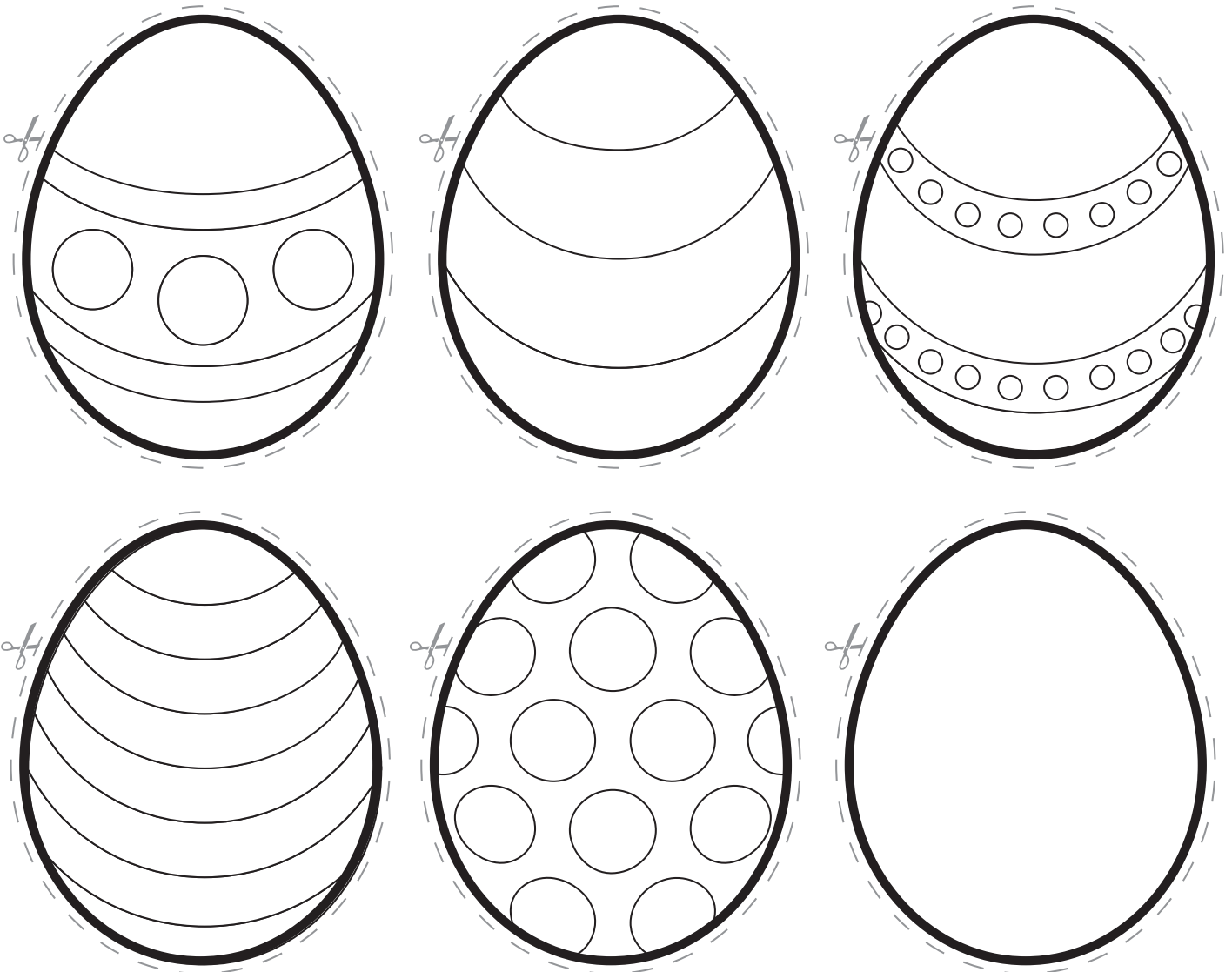
5. Trim and tape the edges to keep your weaving in place.



6. Make a cool decoration, or have an adult laminate it into a placemat!

# LET'S DECORATE & HIDE EGGS

Decorate these eggs with your favorite colors. Then cut them out and hide them with friends. Can you find them all?



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

# AN A-MAZE-ING ADVENTURE

Help Easter Elf find Christmas Elf, but **Eww**, watch out for Candy Canes! (Answer on page 9)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# EGGSTREME COLORING

Color the team at Easter Elf Spring Training.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

# SCRAMBLED WORD FUN

**Unscramble these words:**

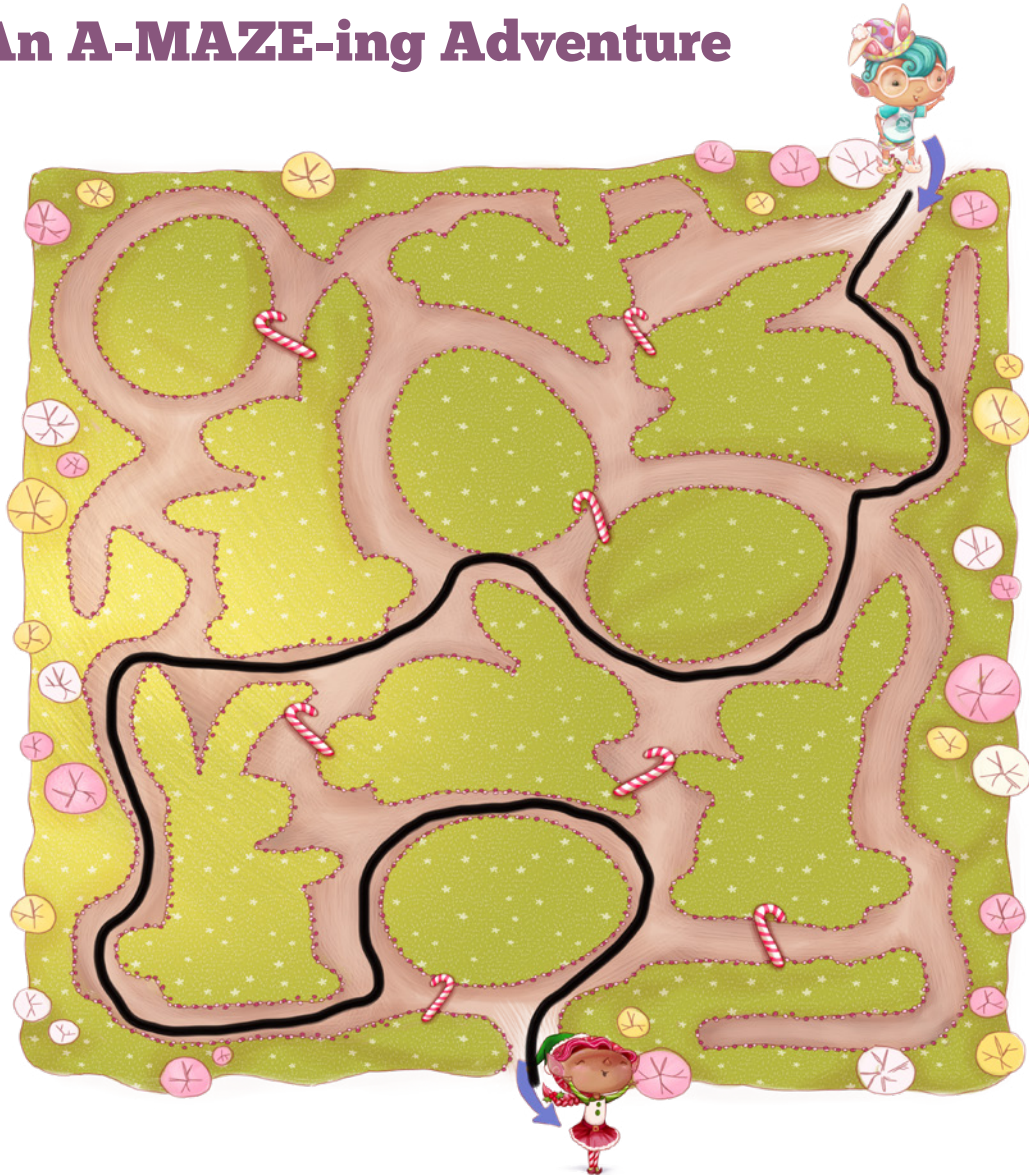
- 1.** GEGS
- 2.** SKBATE
- 3.** DNACY ENAC
- 4.** OPHPNGI
- 5.** DREENIRE
- 6.** STEARE FLE
- 7.** MASCHITSR LFE
- 8.** TNAAS
- 9.** RSAEET NNUBY
- 10.** NDSFEIR

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



# ANSWER KEY

## An A-MAZE-ing Adventure



## Scrambled Word Fun

1. EGGS
2. BASKET
3. CANDY CANE
4. HOPPING
5. REINDEER
6. EASTER ELF
7. CHRISTMAS ELF
8. SANTA
9. EASTER BUNNY
10. FRIENDS



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