

ABOUT EGG ART

The art of egg decoration goes back to early civilizations, when eggs were colored and used as gifts to celebrate the re-birth of life on the Earth. From ancient times until now, eggs have been decorated in many ways. In France, from the 16th century onwards, it became customary to exchange elaborate surprise Easter Eggs. The high point of all time was reached in the fabulous egg-shaped treasures created by the imaginative goldsmith of Russia, Peter Carl Faberge, and his meticulous artists and craftsmen. Their creations have provided inspiration to many real eggshell decorators all over the world. The first Imperial Easter Egg was made by Faberge for Tsar Alexander III who gave it as a gift of love to his Tsarina, who hailed from Denmark.

The decorated eggs featured in this exhibition are individually hand-crafted making each piece a masterpiece of its own kind. Each egg has been created with great precision and ingenuity and involved several man hours of intricate work.

ABOUT THE ARTIST



Farha Sayeed, who holds a Bachelor's degree in English Literature, pursues varied interests in arts and crafts. While she has passion for Egg Decorations (Ostrich, Emu, Rhea, Goose, Duck and Chicken Eggs) and Silk Painting, she is equally adept at charcoal painting, Thermo Cole painting, Tile Painting, Aluminium foil work, Glass Painting, glitter and zardori work and soft-toy making.

Farha started egg decorations seven years ago and has tried to give a distinct original touch to each of her creations by her imaginativeness and creativity. She has also experimented with the fusion of Indian cultural elements into her egg art.

Farha's collection of decorated eggs was first displayed in October 2003 for a month at the premises of the renowned Danish Pharmaceutical Company H. Lundbeck A/S by the Art Lovers' Group of the company.

Farha's maiden full-fledged exhibition of Decorated Eggs and Silk Paintings was hosted by the Frederiksberg Commune, Denmark at Byggeriets Hus from April 8- May 9, 2004.

A part of Farha's collection of decorated eggs was also displayed in the International Ramadan Exhibition titled "Ramadan around the World" held at Hotel Jeddah Intercontinental in October, 2005 which featured cultural exhibits of arts and crafts from various countries like Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iran, Pakistan, India, Yemen, Sudan, Egypt, Tunisia, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Jordan, Palestine, Senegal, Morocco and Turkey.

Her work of art has been widely acclaimed by people from all walks of life. Many newspapers of Saudi Arabia and India have extensively written about her egg art.

OSTRICH EGGS GALLERY



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PASSION

A classic design incorporating the natural shell of the Ostrich egg. The egg is divided into fourth vertically. Silk prints are glued in the centre of all the four sides. Two horizontal lines are drawn to mark the top and bottom of the silk print and to connect the circles drawn around them. The egg is hinged and cut on the top. The inside of the egg is lined with blue brocade and is decorated with golden lace. On the top of the egg, a beautiful golden crown is glued, which adds elegance to this beautiful egg. The egg is mounted on a delicate golden stand.

BUNCH OF ROSES

Ostrich Egg painstakingly carved and etched to form beautiful roses. The egg is mounted on a porcelain rose stand. The egg forms a unique and rare decorated piece.



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CALLIGRAPHY-2

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GRANDEUR

Ostrich egg carved all around in spiral patterns with free hand. Golden cord is glued on each side of the design. The egg is mounted on a golden stand.



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OBJECT D'ART

Double surprise ostrich egg having two compartments. The top chamber is carved in symmetrical patterns and serves as a ring holder. The lower chamber is lined with pink brocade which holds a beautiful pink porcelain rose. The external surface of the egg is decorated with decoupage flowers and golden rhinestone chain. The egg is mounted on a beautiful golden stand.

EGG-O-CLOCK-2

An Ostrich Egg with a working clock. The egg is decorated with dark red velvet and golden 'findings' around the clock. The same pattern is also repeated on the top of the egg. Distinctively shaped doors at the back provide access to the clock mechanism. The egg would serve as a beautiful decorated piece in any Royal household.



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MAGNIFICENCE

Peep through the trellis cut to watch a beautiful angel in this magnificent egg. Flower waterslide transfers are applied on the bottom of the egg, which is mounted on a golden stand.

KING'S COACH

This handsome ostrich egg is dextrously cut to form a king's coach with two open doors. The interior of the egg is lined with blue velvet. Tufting of the seats, ceiling & foot rest add to the elegance of the coach. The exterior is decorated with Rhinestone chain and a heavy golden lace. A beautiful crown completes the decoration of the Queen's coach.



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ROYAL COACH

This awesome ostrich egg is delicately cut to form a royal coach with two open doors and four windows. The inside of the egg is lined with heavy golden lace. Two seats made of pink brocade using the tufting technique are placed facing each other. A fanciful ceiling made of soft crepe adds beautiful to this exotic piece. The exterior is decorated with Rhinestone chain and heavy golden lace. Both the doors of the coach are decorated with brocade. A beautiful crown completes the decoration of the Royal coach. This egg will definitely be the cynosure of all eyes.

WISE MEN

Ostrich Egg cut into a simple curve and decorated with velvet.



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RHEA EGGS GALLERY



Item No. R-1

SPIRAL ORGANZA-3

The top of the goose egg is cut into spirals. In between each spiral an organza is delicate placed. The cushioned bottom part of the egg can serve as a finger ring holder. The egg is mounted on a golden stand.

PRINCESS'S COACH

Rhea egg converted into a coach that has three windows, of which, two are carved and decorated with red rhinestone chain. The interior is decorated with heavy golden lace. The floor of the coach is decorated with red velvet. The coach has a single door in the front. A small golden crown is put on the top of the coach.



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Item No. R-3

IMPERIAL COACH

Rhea egg converted into a coach, which has two doors and two windows, which are decorated with golden net. Two blue velvet seats are placed inside the coach. The doors are decorated, both inside and outside, with golden motifs.

PEARL OF HEAVEN

Rhea egg is converted in the form of a shell and decorated all over with rhinestone chain. The interior of the egg is painted with liquid gold leaf. A replica of pearl with Islamic calligraphy is placed inside to impart additional beauty to the egg. The egg is placed on a beautiful golden stand having cream enamel.



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EMU EGGS GALLERY



Item No. E-1

BLACK BEAUTY

The Emu egg is painstakingly carved to make beautiful roses. The outermost dark green layer of the Emu egg is gently etched so that the underlying light bluish-green and whitish layers are visible in the rose petals and leaves. The egg is mounted on a silver stand. This elegant egg will add beauty to any royal household.

MAJESTIC BALD EAGLE

The emu egg is intricately carved to make a majestic bald eagle. The outermost dark green layer of the Emu egg is removed to make a smooth and even blue background. On the head portion of the eagle, the dark green layer is scarped out to reveal the delicate inner-most white layer. The egg is mounted on a silver stand. This elegant egg will add majestic beauty to any house.



Item No. E-2



Item No. E-3

TRIPLE HEART

This emu egg has a complex design that combines floral latticework with shell-enlargement technique. The inside of the shell is decorated with golden polyflakes. Three heart cut-outs are made in the egg shell, which are lined with fine gold cord and a row of fine rhinestone chain. Two small gold bell filigrees are glued to each of the hearts. The top of the egg is decorated with a floral bead. A 'Little Angel' is placed in the egg to give an aesthetic look. The egg is mounted on a golden enamelled stand and put on a marble base.

EMU EGG CLOCK

The dark colour of the emu egg gives this clock a classical touch. The clock is decorated with rows of pearl chain, gold cord, rhinestone chains and gold filigrees. The heart shaped doors at the back provide access to the clock mechanism. The egg is mounted on a golden stand.



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GOOSE EGGS GALLERY



Item No. G-1

HUMMING BIRD

Goose Egg on which a flower print is de-coupage and the same print is bas-reliefed. The egg is mounted on a beautiful stand.

EMERGENCE

A Goose Egg is cut in the form a trellis and decorated with a golden lace. The egg is mounted on a delicate stand.



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Item No. G-3

SHELL OF PEARLS

Goose Egg cut in the form of a shell and decorated with pink satin and silver net. The outside is lined with a chain of white beads.

NIRVANA

This Goose Egg is cut into two curved petals and decorated with flower patch and golden thread. The egg is made to look like an abode of a 'monk'.



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Item No. G-5

INNOCENCE

This Goose Egg is cut and hinged in the form of a tulip flower and lined inside with a net. The outside is decorated with silver lace & cord and white beads.

The egg is mounted on a silver stand.

NATURE

A Goose Egg shell is boiled in with natural leafy vegetables to get the imprint of the leaves. The egg is mounted on a stand made of sea shells.



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Item No. G-7

LOVERS

Heart-shaped door is cut on the Goose Egg-shell. The base is made up of sea-shells.

UMBRELLA

Goose Egg cut to make an umbrella.



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Item No. G-9

REVERSI

Goose egg in which the front is cut out in an oval shape and glued with its reverse side facing the front and is decorated with a metal flower. The egg is delicately lined inside and is mounted on a stand decorated with faux pearls.

EXUBERANCE

Goose egg cut and lined smoothly with silver brocade. The outside of the egg is decorated with a silk print around which beads & lace is glued to add beauty to the egg.



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Item No. G-11

BLUE TRELIS

Goose egg is cut in a trellis pattern to resemble draped curtains. The smallest bead chain follows the lines of the trellis. The egg is lined inside with heavy brocade. A figure of a dancing couple is hand painted which adds beauty to the egg. The egg is mounted on a delicate golden stand.

ARISTOCRACY

Goose egg in Queen Anne cut. The egg is lined inside with heavy brocade; coloured outside in metal grey and decorated with grey faux pearls. The egg is mounted on a stylish silver stand.



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Item No. G-13

AESTHETIC EGG

Reversed Queen Anne cut is made out of Goose egg which is decorated with Rhinestone chain to form this beautiful peace. The egg is mounted on a low-base silver stand.

BEAUTY IN DELICACY

The scallop cut in goose egg is delicately lined inside all around with a golden chord. The egg is decorated on the outside with a single string of pearls and is mounted on a golden stand.



Item No. G-14



Item No. G-15

ENCHANTMENT

A smooth lustrous pearl finish on the goose egg. The egg is decorated with a transfer depicting a romantic mood and is lined with a beautiful satin ribbon. The inside is decorated with purple satin. The egg is mounted on a golden horse stand.

FINESSE

Centre-cut jewel box in Goose egg. The egg is lined with olive green satin and 'kundan'. The egg is mounted on a golden tri-fish stand.



Item No. G-16



Item No. G-17

DAWN OF LIFE

Goose egg with double door opening. The doors are cut and decorated inside with golden net. The egg holds a figure of a boy. The egg is mounted on a golden stand.

NOBILITY

Goose egg is converted into an elegant jewel box with two openings. The egg is decorated with gold cord and rhinestones on the outside. The egg is lined inside with green velvet. The egg is mounted on a golden enameled stand.



Item No. G-18



Item No. G-19

DELICACY

The distinctive feature of this design is the paisley-shaped doors which do not fill more than half the opening, so the interior is still visible even when the doors are closed. The egg is mounted on a golden stand with enameled red flowers.

FANTASY

It is a unique cut in a goose egg. A beautiful doll is placed inside the diamond cut, which is decorated with maroon rhinestone chain in both front and back sides. The egg is mounted on a golden stand.



Item No. G-20



Item No. G-21

HEART OF HEARTS

This excellent Goose egg is cut in an amazing style where the lines of the egg seem to form a 'heart' pattern. The egg is decorated on the outside with pink rhinestone chain and on the inside with fine polyflakes. The egg is mounted on a golden stand.

TRI-HEART

A smooth lustrous pearl finish on the goose egg. Heart-shaped doors cover the bottom half of the openings in this romantically decorated double-yoked goose egg. Rhinestone banding and individually hand-set pearls decorate the doors.



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Item No. G-23

GRACE

This is an unusual goose egg with a drawer. This super size goose egg is made with a single door plus a drawer - not an easy combination, but the result enchants all those who see it. The inside of the upper chamber is decorated with brocade. The egg is mounted on a simple golden stand fixed on pink marble base.

DOUBLE SURPRISE

In this majestic goose egg, which is a variation of the double surprise egg, the double doors are in the back instead of the front. Decorated with velvet inside and with a silk print on the front, the egg is mounted on a golden duck stand.



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Item No. G-25

BELL-2

This golden musical bell is decorated from outside all-around with bas-relief flowers. A press and play musical unit is placed inside the egg.

BELL-3

This silver handle goose egg bell is decorated with waterslide transfers from outside. The inside of the egg holds a musical press and play instrument.



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Item No. G-27

PRAM-2

Goose egg baby carriage with external carved hood adds more beauty to this blue carriage. The inside of the carriage is lined with white lace and holds a small baby. The egg is mounted on a golden carriage which is studded with blue stones all over.

PRAM-3

The pink baby carriage with a scalloped hood holds a baby. The goose egg is lined inside with pink lace and a pink ribbon is thread through the shell. The egg is mounted on a golden carriage which is studded with pink stones all over.



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Item No. G-29

PRAM-4

This golden painted goose egg is decorated inside with cream satin and frill net. The egg is mounted on a golden carriage which is studded with white stones all over.

TREE OF LOVE

Goose egg decorated on both the sides with colourful kundan and gold cord to form a beautiful tree. The egg is mounted on a stylish golden stand.



Item No. G-30



Item No. G-31

EGGSQUISITE

Goose egg with three see-through doors in which golden net is glued in between the two transparent plastic. The egg is decorated with golden filigree and blue beads whose colour coordinates with the stand on which the egg is mounted.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Goose egg jewel box is decorated all over by silver stone rings. The jewel box when open is draped with black velvet with silver dots on it. The egg is mounted on a low-base silver duck stand.



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Item No. G-33

BIRD OF HEAVEN

This bird cage is a very adorable piece. The cage is lined from inside with golden net lace. A delicate bird sits on a swing made of white beads and gold cord. The egg is hung on a golden stand.

SILVER SURPRISE

A majestic silver painted goose egg, decorated with velvet inside to hold a finger ring. The outside of the egg is decorated with rice pearls and beads. The egg is mounted on a golden stand which has enameled flowers on it.



Item No. G-34



Item No. G-35

MAJESTIC

This unique decorated egg has two side openings. The egg is decorated with colourful kundan and gold cord. The egg is mounted on a golden ring stand.

JAPANESE DOLL

This painted Goose egg is decorated with Japanese lady waterslide transfer with two fans placed on the sides. The egg is mounted on a golden stand.



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Item No. G-37

REVERSI-2

In this unique Goose egg, oval-shaped doors are cut, reversed and glued on both the sides of the egg. A delicate porcelain rose is placed in the middle to enhance the beauty of the egg. The two sides of the egg are cut and decorated with golden net. The egg is mounted on a golden stand which has pink enameled flowers.

SERENITY

This egg is elegantly painted and decorated on both the sides with waterslide transfers. The stand also compliments with the scene on the egg. The stand is placed on a rose coloured marble.



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VIVACITY

A smooth lustrous blue pearl finish is given to the goose egg. The egg is decorated with four windows which are decorated with golden filigree and golden net. A golden bead is placed on the top of the egg. The egg is mounted on a beautiful golden stand with blue enameled flowers.

GRANDIOSE

A majestic goose egg whose shell is divided into narrow vertical panels to give enamel like effect. The inside of the egg is lined with brocade and the egg is mounted on beautiful pink enameled stand.



Item No. G-40



Item No. G-41

GREEN MARVEL

Goose egg in Prussian Cap cut. The marble effect on the egg adds to its beauty. Inside of the egg is lined with cream silk cloth. The egg is placed on double heart golden stand.

FASCINATION

Goose egg with three hexagonal doors decorated all around with white delicate rhinestone chain. The egg is placed on a silver stand.



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Item No. G-43

MESHMERIZE

Goose egg cut out in the form of a trellis. The hinged door swings sideways and up. The cut shell is painted gold inside and out and decorated with a golden chain having turquoise beads. The egg is placed on a golden fish stand.

HARMONY

This Goose egg is a combination of carving and decoration as it holds a mirror inside. The top lid is carved all over whereas the bottom half is painted with deep blue acrylic paint and golden tint polyflakes are sprinkled on it. The egg is mounted on a low-base golden triple duck stand.



Item No. G-44



Item No. G-45

ENCHANTMENT-2

This carved goose egg has a smooth lustrous pearl finish. The egg lid is carved and on top of it a red rose is placed. Inside of the egg is decorated with red velvet. The egg is mounted on a golden stand with white rhinestones.

CALLIGRAPHY-3

Goose egg carved all around to make small boxes, with Islamic calligraphy at the centre. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.



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CALLIGRAPHY-4

Goose egg carved all around to make small boxes, with simple Islamic calligraphy at the centre. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.

CALLIGRAPHY-5

Goose egg carved all around to make small boxes, with simple Islamic calligraphy at the centre. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.



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Item No. G-49

FANTASY

Goose egg is carved free hand all around to form a inter-twinned trellis pattern. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.

INTIMACY

Goose egg is carved free hand to form inter-laced box-pattern and decorated with a beautiful waterslide transfer at the centre. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.



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Item No. G-51

AMAZEMENT

Goose egg is carved free hand all around to form inter-laced rhomb-pattern. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.

GEOMETRICA

Goose egg is carved free hand all around to form asymmetrical geometric pattern. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.



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Item No. G-53

FLORA

Goose egg is carved free hand all around to form symmetrical floral pattern. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.

FANTASY-2

Goose egg is carved free hand all around to form asymmetrical geometric pattern. The egg is mounted on a silver stand.



Item No. G-54

CHICKEN EGGS GALLERY



Item No. C-1

VALENTINE

This Chicken Egg is decorated with transfer and pearls.

DWARF'S ARCH

Chicken egg, opened on both the sides to form an arch and is decorated with beads and placed on a stand, which is also decorated with beads.



Item No. C-2



Item No. C-3

SANTA'S DEN

Chicken egg, in which an oval opening is cut in the front. The egg is mounted on a stand decorated with silver a plaited cord.

BLISS

Chicken egg, slit on the top to hold a bunch of flowers. The egg is painted and decorated with transfers of flowers and butterflies. The egg is mounted on a stand decorated with golden cord.



Item No. C-4



Item No. C-5

NATURE-2

Chicken egg shell is boiled with natural leafy vegetables to get the imprint of the leaves. The egg is mounted on a stand made of sea shells.