## **Spring Door Decoration**



This is a lovely activity, that was inspired by a blog post by illustrator, Jennie Maizels. It's a spring decoration to hang on the door or at the window to thank all the delivery drivers and postal workers who are working even harder at the moment, to bring us all of the essentials that we need. Our decoration is very easy to make, and you can use bits and pieces that you have at home.

## You will need:

Old egg boxes (I used two small egg boxes) Some cardboard to make the circle Glue (I used a glue gun, but PVA would work) Paints/ pens Scissors Paper/card Ribbon Anything else you would like to use to decorate it.

How to make your door decoration:

1. Cut a circle from some cardboard. I used an old box.



- Cut the bases off two egg boxes and cut the egg holders out so that you have 12 individual pieces. If you don't want to use egg boxes, you could draw or paint some flowers to stick on.
- 3. Cut each of the egg box pieces from the sides to the circle in the centre and trim the edges to make petals. Push them flat onto the table and then paint and decorate them. Leave to dry.
- 4. To make the rabbit, draw around your hand (children), with the fingers apart. Cut out the shape and remove the centre finger. Fold over the thumb and little finger to make the paws and leave the other two for the ears. Decorate your bunny!
- 5. Cut a strip of paper/ card to stretch across the back of your circle to write your message on. Write your message and glue the strip to the back of your decoration.
- 6. Attach ribbon to the top of your door decoration and then glue on all the flowers, your rabbit, and any other bits you want to add. Be as creative as you like!
- 7. When it's all dry, hang your decoration on the door or at the window.

This is a lovely activity to keep children busy this week, but as always, there are more benefits from this activity. Creativity is valuable to us all. It increases happiness, improves mental health and lowers stress levels, which boosts the immune system. Drawing, painting and creative arts and crafts also offer children a way to express themselves and work through thoughts and feelings, so have lots of fun and let your imaginations run wild!