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Materials:

Terracotta flower pots: My pots were 4.25 inch

Styrofoam: I found a shape that was $37/8 \times 27/8 \times 115/16$ inches. I found a 6 pack of Styrofoam balls for the topiary part that will hold the eggs that were 3 inches.

Artificial Easter eggs: (approximately 18)

 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch dowel rod (8 inch piece)

Hot glue gun with hot glue gun sticks

Craft paint: for pots and the dowel rod.

Foam brush

Floral moss or Easter grass:

Ribbon, glitter glue, tulle-optional

Directions:

First paint your terracotta pot so it can be drying while you start on the next step. I chose a light blue that matched my Easter eggs. You do not need to worry about painting the bottom of the pot as it will not be seen nor the inside of the pot. Just be sure to paint the top rim though.

You will need a small hole dug into the Styrofoam pieces in order to insert the dowel rod. Using your scissors very carefully, place the sharp and pointed end into the Styrofoam and start turning in a twisting motion to form a round hole. Be careful not to twist a hole down and completely through the Styrofoam. Stop after about several inches are dug and you feel it will be enough support to hold up dowel rod. You can also use your dowel rod to place inside once hole is started to make for better size. Also do the same with the Styrofoam balls just being sure to not go completely through the ball. Place your Styrofoam pieces into your pots

Now paint the dowel rods. Hot glue the dowel into the circular Styrofoam used for the top section. Hot glue around the edge of the dowel rod where it meets the base to secure in place to prevent the dowel rod from wiggling. (Add tulle before gluing if desired)

Begin gluing eggs onto the Styrofoam. Continue gluing each egg as close as you can to each other until the ball is completely covered.

At this point, some of the Styrofoam will still be showing. Glue moss or Easter grass in exposed holes.

Place the dowel rod into the Styrofoam base and glue around the edge of the dowel rod where it meets the base to secure in place to prevent the dowel rod from toppling over. As this point with the weight of the eggs on the ball and the dowel rod, you will know if your dowel rod is far enough down in the base. If not stable then continue to press dowel rod down before gluing in place.

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You will now need to cover that Styrofoam base and hide it. Placing glue in small sections at a time, place your floral moss/Easter grass over the Styrofoam until the base is completely covered.

Add a bow either around the pot or around the dowel rod directly below the ball.

I did have several Easter eggs leftover that I used around the bottom of the dowel rod and glued directly onto the moss. (Add glitter glue if desired)

