

# CHICKEN - LIFE CYCLE



## Need:

Paper plate

Scissors

Glue

Craft Items - Foam, Pipe-cleaners, Ribbon, String, Cotton

Wool, Foil, Pompoms, Vivid, Coloured Paper, Straws, Beads,

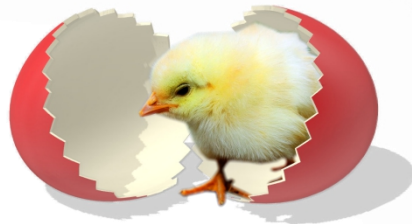
Cotton Buds

## How to:

Divide your plate into 4

Each of the four sections will represent a part of the chicken life cycle

Create in each section a craft picture of the part of the chicken life cycle it represents

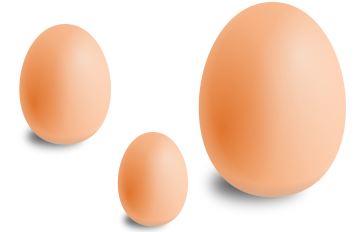


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### EGG FORMATION

The hen will form an egg

Which is a process which takes around 25 hours.



### EGG

A hen will generally lay a clutch of eggs which is around 10 to 12 eggs.

Each of the eggs are usually laid a day apart.

### EGG INCUBATION

A hen will sit on their eggs to create the optimum temperature for the eggs which helps them develop.

The chick while in the egg uses the yolk as its food.

On about day 19 of the incubation period, the chicks will begin the pipping process.

*Pipping process - the chicken uses a tooth to poke a hole in the air sac in the shell then in the shell of the egg!*

The chick inside the egg will generally grow for 21 days.



### CHICK

At 12 days the chick will begin to show defining breed bone development, as will it's wing feathers.

A chick will start developing it's first true feathers at around 5 days old

By 18 days the chick will have its feathers.

By 30 days it will have developed the characteristics and traits to show which breed of chicken it is

### CHICKEN

Younger hens are known as pullets.

Chickens may be ready to lay eggs as young as 20 weeks.

A chicken will lay eggs until about 70 weeks old

