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**Money Container** – Use old egg cartons to store your change for garage and yard sales. Egg cartons are good for this because you can separate all the change and it is easy to get to.

**Golf Ball Storage** – Egg cartons make a great place to store extra golf balls. It makes it easy to sort by brand and condition and they are stackable so they can be stored neatly.

**Travel Helper** – Use egg cartons for travel, to hold small items like earrings, necklaces, sewing notions, etc; weave needle thru the inside top cover so as not to lose it in your suitcase. Hold together with large rubber band.

**Waste Paper Basket** - Make wastebaskets from egg cartons. Cut off tops. Then poke holes on the flap that is used to close the carton. Then take ribbon and tie each carton to the next. Takes 8 cartons to make a circle. The plastic bags from Wal-Mart or the grocery store fit into these nicely. Makes a great waste paper basket.

**Craft Helping Hand** – When working with small round items, I often use an egg carton to hold the item while I paint one side, or just as a holder while they dry. It keeps those little round things from rolling away.

**Fire Starters** - Fill the paper egg cartons with dryer lint, and then pour melted wax over the lint. You can tear apart the sections and use for fire starters when you are camping, or in your fireplace. I use left over candle pieces for the melted wax.

**Charcoal Fire Starter** – Similar to the idea above for fire starters... Using a cardboard egg carton, fill each section with melted wax so that it's about 1/3 full. Place a piece of charcoal (one briquette) in the wax. Close the carton and place on a shelf until you're ready to use. To use, remove the top of the carton, and place the bottom half in the grill. Light the carton. Wait a few minutes and then add more charcoal. This will eliminate the need for lighter fluid.

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**Candles** – Make scented candles. Melt wax in a double boiler. Add scents (from a candle shop) and old crayons for colour. Put the wick in the bottom of each eggcup. Tie on a small washer to keep it on the bottom. Pour in the wax, holding up the wick. After wax has set, remove the eggcup.

**Plant Containers or Seed Starters** – Poke a few holes in the bottom for drainage. Fill about 3/4 with potting soil and vermiculite. Plant seeds and set in a sunny window.

**Jewellery Organizer** – Paint or cover with fabric. Store any small pieces of jewellery, rings, earrings, chains, cuff links, etc.

**Desk Organizer** – Remove the top and place inside a desk drawer to hold small items, like paper clips, rubber bands, push pins, etc. Paint or decorate if you want to place it on a desktop where it will be

seen.

**Christmas Decoration Storage** – Line cups with cotton, foam, or tissue paper and store small Christmas tree bulbs and ornaments in each cup.

**Palette** – Use the Styrofoam kind for watercolours or acrylics to hold colours. Detach top of carton and use for mixing colours.

**Craft Storage** – Is your craftwork area a nightmare? Use an egg carton to store all those little pieces you don't want to lose track of while you're working.

**Cheap Ice Cube Trays** – Use plastic egg cartons to make extra ice.

**Game / Toy Storage** - Does it drive you eggstra crazy when those little pieces keep getting lost? Use a carton to store doll shoes, game pieces, dice, Lego, etc

**Ball Toss** – Give number values to each cup in an egg carton bottom – 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100s. Try to achieve your best total score by bouncing three ping-pong balls into the cups.

**Packing Material** – If you often mail fragile things, simply cut up clean egg cartons to make lightweight packing material to protect the contents of your mailing packages.

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Dissolve 1/2 ounce of alum into 1/2 pint of vinegar. Dip a fine tipped brush into the solution and write your message on the shell of an egg. Let dry completely; then boil for 15 minutes.

Writing cannot be seen on the shell, but is on the inside of the egg.

DO NOT EAT THIS EGG . . . .

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