

4-H at Home

ON THE GO LESSON



CHICKEN CLUCKER



INCLUDES

PLASTIC CUP | STRING | STICKERS | PAPERCLIP | FEATHERS

RELATED TOPICS

ANIMAL SCIENCE

INCLUDED SUPPLIES

- *Plastic cup*
- *String*
- *Circle stickers for beak and eyes*
- *Paperclip*
- *Feathers*

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

- *Paper towel*
- *Tape*

BACKGROUND

Iowa ranks number one in egg production and egg processing in the nation! Iowa is a diverse agriculture state and is the top producer in corn, soybeans, swine, and eggs in the nation. Iowa hens laid nearly 16 billion eggs each year. That means Iowa farmers are responsible for producing about one in 5 eggs consumed in the United States each year. The Iowa egg industry provides over 8,000 jobs as well.

Fun poultry facts: It is believed that modern birds are descendants of Tyrannosaurus Rex. Chickens are omnivores. That means they eat both meat and non-meat foods, like plants. Chicken eggs can be different colors. Depending on the breed of the chicken and the color of the chicken's earlobe determines the egg color.

DO REFLECT APPLY

Tie your string to the paperclip. Hold the cup upside down and poke the string down through the top of the cup and pull down until the paperclip is sitting on top of the cup. Fold your sticker to make the beak and stick it to the cup. Put the other two stickers on for eyes. Tape feathers and to the sides of the cup to make wings.

Now, wet a paper towel and pull down on the string. Does your chicken clucker sound like a chicken? Why do chickens cluck? How else do chickens communicate with one another?

Do you think the chicken cluck changes with the mood of the animal (happy or angry)? Have you observed how other animals communicate with one another? Is it similar or different than chickens? What different and similar about the ways humans and animals communicate with one another?

You can find more information about the 4-H poultry project area on the following link. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15274>. Visit the Iowa Egg Council's website for more educational activities at <https://www.iowaegg.org/>.



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