

Design an Easter Egg

In the 18th century (1700 – 1799) people did not give each other chocolate Easter Eggs, but they did decorate hen's eggs as gifts for friends and family.

Have a go at designing an egg for each of our 18th century characters, you can read about their interests to help you or just design them as you like!



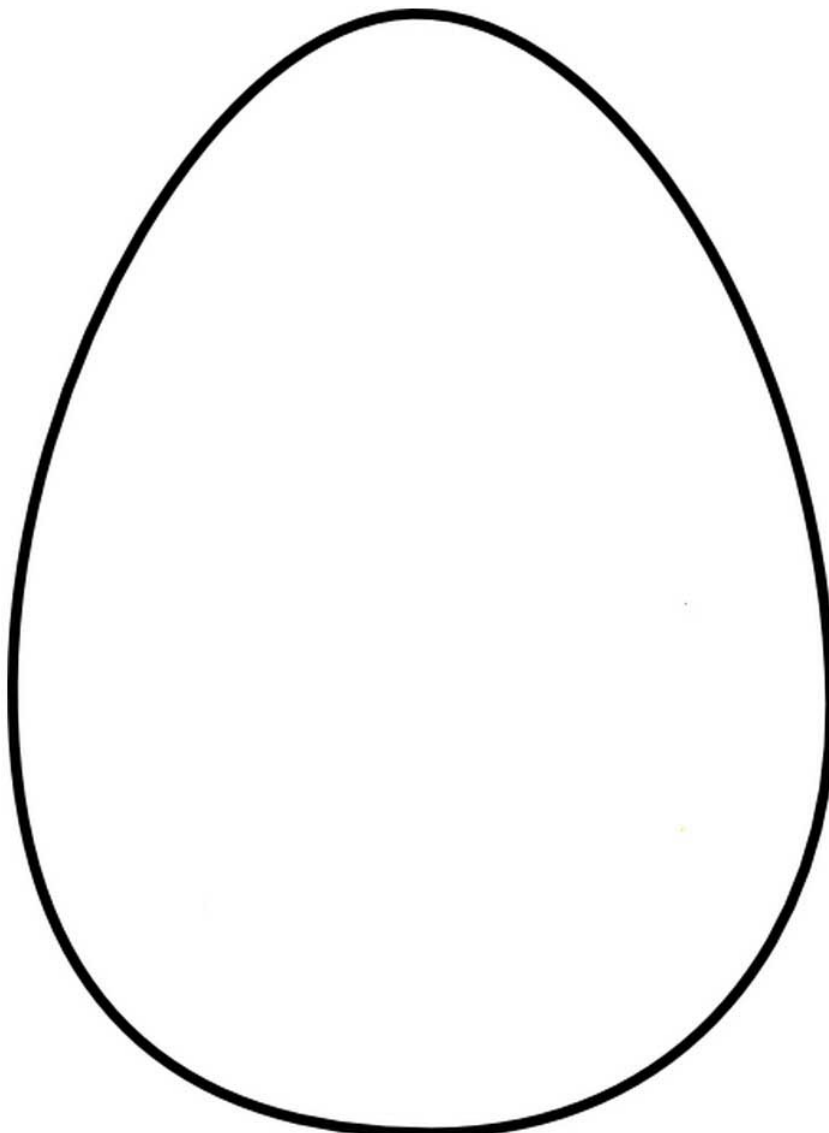
John Wesley

John Wesley is a minister – he works in a church.

He likes to read and write. He keeps a diary about his life and writes lots of letters and books.

One of the things he likes to read about is health and how different herbs, plants and flowers might help people to make their own medicines. He also does experiments with electricity to see if that can be used as medicine!

He travels a lot to preach to people, riding his horse all over the country as cars and trains haven't been invented.





Hester the Housemaid

Hester is a Housemaid. Her job is to keep John Wesley's House tidy.

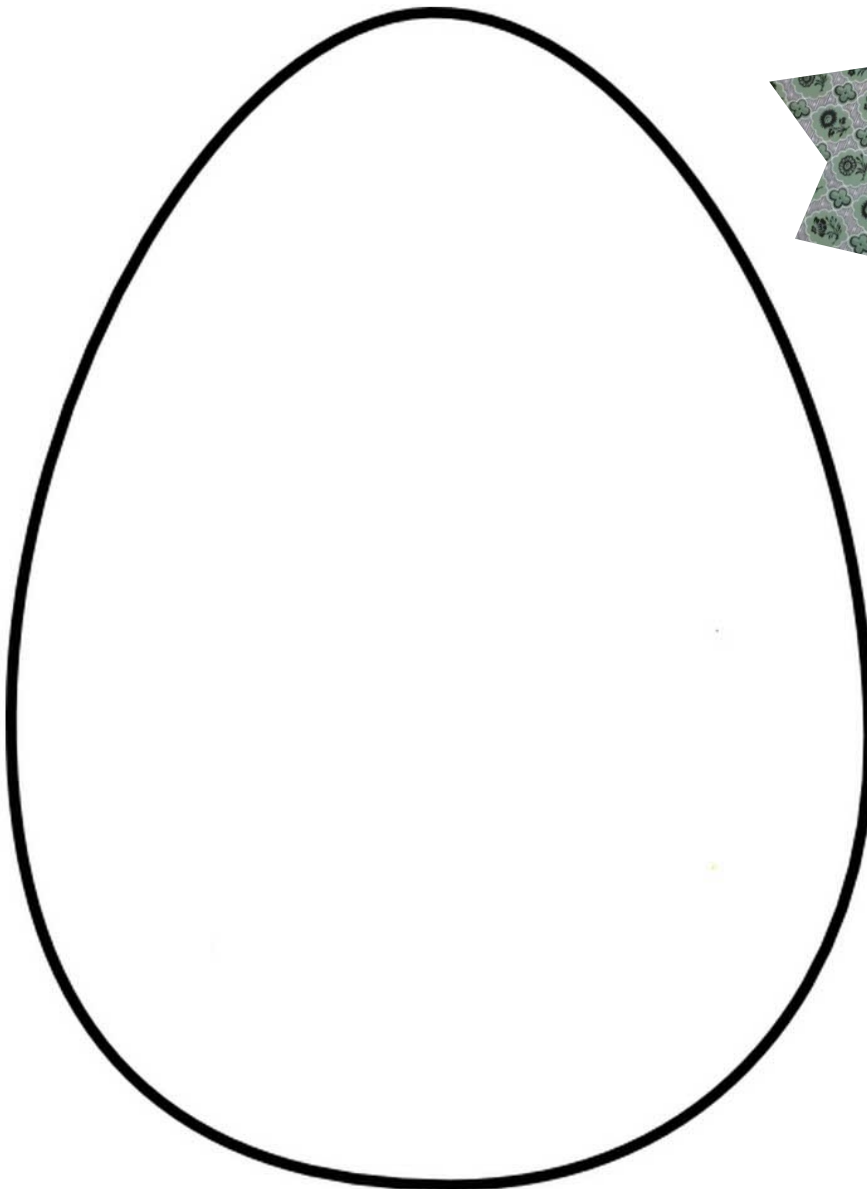
She gets one day off a week. She likes to go walking on those days and also likes painting and drawing the flowers, trees and animals she sees on her walks.

She doesn't have a lot of money, but saves up to buy ribbons and buttons when she can.

One of her favourite things in John Wesley's House is the wallpaper. She likes the bright colours and patterns on it.



Wallpaper from
John Wesley's
House



A wealthy 18th century lady

This is Eliza, she is a wealthy 18th century lady.

She likes to have fancy things! She loves to have bows to decorate her hair and hats, plus sparkling jewellery.

Her dresses are made from fine silks, her favourite pattern is chintz.

She has a lap dog called Alfred that she likes to give treats to.

She can afford the finest foods like chocolate, tea and sugar. Most people couldn't afford them in the 18th century.



Chintz was a popular
design for fabric in the
18th century

