

I'm fortunate to live right down the street from our little Camino Snowline Hospice store. The place is really a gem in the Apple Hill region. The merchandise is always changing and the people are always friendly and welcoming.

My little hobby is going straight to the necktie section in search for the perfect 100% silk tie. I cut them into pieces and use the sections when I'm making hard boiled eggs. The colors and patterns on the tie will transfer perfectly onto the shell of the hard boiled egg.

This hobby is growing a bit out of control. I now make Christmas hard boiled eggs using Christmas-theme ties, St. Patrick's hard boiled eggs with St. Patrick's-theme ties and so on and so on. . . This past Easter I had requests for 128 eggs from family and friends. My daughter Julie and I spent a fabulous day destroying my kitchen in our quest for the perfect egg. And yes, we get really, really tired of egg salad sandwiches.

I'm hoping my story will compel people to check their closets and donate their old, outdated silk ties. The uglier and gaudier the silk tie will always end up being the most spectacular egg.

Anybody interested in doing this can just Google "silk tie eggs" and follow the really simple instructions.

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