

The Magical Egg HANDBOOK



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Part 1: *Magical Egg Identification*

Have you found a mysterious magical egg? How do you know what magical creature is inside? Here is a helpful guide . . .

Water Creatures



Sea Serpent

There are a variety of sea serpent eggs. However, all types make a sloshing noise if you listen closely.



Merturtle

These square eggs glow in moonlight. They are best kept in sand nests.



Fairy Minnow

These miniscule eggs are laid in a cluster that looks and sparkles like a diamond.



Hippocampi

These large eggs are the colors of the sea and are patterned with wave-like stripes.



Kraken

This humongous egg is transparent, and the baby kraken is often visible within.

Land Creatures

Basilisk

This oval black egg is best identified by its rotten odor. Although this egg's parents are deadly and frightening snakes, don't worry: its hatchling isn't born with full fangs!



Fire Salamander

These small red-spotted, tiny eggs are hot to the touch and have to be kept in a volcano.



Air Creatures

There are many dragon eggs, too many to list here. A few of the most common are:

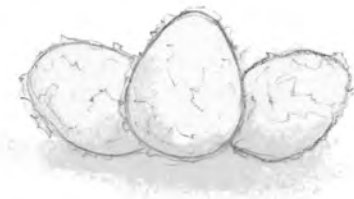
Fire Dragon

Eggs resemble hot coals. Often they glow red and are spotted.



Ice Dragon

Eggs are cold to the touch. Often have a layer of frost around them.



Forest Dragon

Eggs look like they are made of leaves.





Griffin

These eggs often resemble marble, but are very fragile.



Hippogriff

These distinctive, scaly eggs are easy to identify.



Nine-Headed Bird

These large eggs are irregular in shape due to the many heads and necks within.



Golden Goose

Eggs may be solid gold OR contain a golden gosling. This is easy to determine since gosling-filled eggs weigh significantly less than their pure gold nest mates. This egg requires a guard animal to make sure no one steals it.



Phoenixes

Although phoenixes are birds, they do NOT lay eggs. The bird, when reaching his or her Ash Day, bursts into flames and from the pile of ash a new phoenix is born.

Part 2: *Caring for a Magical Egg*

Be sure not to disturb a magical egg in the wild unless you are certain that it has been abandoned. If you believe this is the case, here are some magical egg care basics. Remember, it is always best to identify your egg in order to provide the proper care for its species.



If you suspect your egg belongs to a water creature:

Most water creature eggs require water submersion. Test the shell of your egg to determine its salt content. If it is from the sea, keep it in salt water. If it is from a lake, keep it in lake water.

If you suspect your egg belongs to a land or air creature:

Most land and air creature eggs require a warm nest of feathers or fluff. Phoenix feathers are preferred, as they retain heat. Unlike with ordinary eggs, incubators are not recommended for most magical animals. However, fire salamanders are the exception, as they need to be kept in volcanic-like conditions. Make sure your feather nest completely covers the egg. Most land and air creature eggs require gentle turning, twice a day.



Note:

Should you read or sing to your magical egg? This question has been the source of much debate amongst magical egg experts. One thing is certain, reading or singing certainly does no harm, and likely only benefits the baby magical animal within.





Part 3

Hatching a Magical Egg

You have been caring for your magical egg diligently, but how do you know when it is ready to hatch? And how can you prepare for your magical animal hatchling? Here are some tips.

Most magical eggs, when ready to hatch, wiggle and jiggle and make noises. The spots on spotted magical eggs will change color.

Make sure you prepare the proper food and bed for your magical hatchling. If you are unsure what your hatchling might be, we suggest preparing Nutrient Formula. Though not the preferred choice, it does meet the nutritional requirements of most magical hatchlings, and is readily available.

Remember, baby magical animals develop much more quickly than ordinary animals. Magic quickens growth, balance and strength. Be prepared for this! Above all, welcome your magical hatchling with warmth, care and an open heart.





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