

What do I need?

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Yellow and green card

Empty egg box

Yellow paint

Paint brush

Plastic drinking straw with bendable neck

Scissors

Glue



St David's Day Daffodils

What do I do?

Cut out the 6 egg cups from your egg box and paint them yellow on both sides. Set them aside until fully dry. If your straws are brightly coloured, you can paint these with green paint to make them look like a stem.

Cut out the templates on page 3. Trace 6 flower templates onto your yellow card and cut them out.

Now, trace 18 leaf templates onto your green card and cut these out too. Fold them in half lengthways to look like real daffodil leaves.

Carefully pierce a straw-sized hole through the centre of each egg cup and through the centre of each yellow card flower.

Take one egg cup and one yellow flower and line up the two holes to make the trumpet (corona) and outer petals (perianth) of the daffodil. Use some glue to stick the bottom of the egg cup to the yellow flower.

Cut 3 slits about 1cm long at the short end of one of your straws. Thread the straw through the 2 holes so that the slits are sitting just inside the egg cup and the rest of the straw forms the stem. Bend the slits outwards and glue them in place.

Stick 3 leaf shapes at the base of the straw, bending the leaf tips over slightly to make them look natural.

Repeat the last few steps until you have a lovely bunch of 6 daffodils to display in a vase for St David's Day!

St David's Day

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!

That means Happy St David's Day in Welsh!

St David is the patron saint of Wales. Welsh people celebrate St David's Day each year on the March 1st, the date he is believed to have died. Many churches in Wales are dedicated to St David, including St David's Cathedral in the town of St David in Pembrokeshire (see picture, bottom left).

A patron saint is the protecting or guiding saint of a person, place or other aspect of life such as a job or an animal. Like Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland and many other predominately Christian countries have patron saints.

St David is believed to have lived sometime between 462-515 AD. During this time, miraculous events are said to have happened around him. One of the most famous of these is when St David was speaking to a large crowd of people who were unable to see or hear him. It's said that the ground beneath his feet rose up so that he appeared to stand on a hill and all around could see him.



On St David's Day, it is traditional for people in Wales to wear one of the nation's two national emblems - the daffodil or the leek.

Leeks became a Welsh national emblem when St David instructed Welsh people to wear leeks on their helmets in battle against the Saxons so they could easily recognise friend from foe.

As for the daffodil, these bright and cheerful spring flowers are always in bloom on St David's Day and so quickly became associated with the saint. Daffodils smell much sweeter than leeks too, so they are much more favourable to wear!



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