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## How To Make Hard-Boiled Eggs

Believe it or not, there is an art to cooking eggs in the shell. Find out how to cook them perfectly to your taste without that gray-green tinge. Remember, a hard-boiled egg is a misnomer as they should never be boiled for any length of time.

### Directions

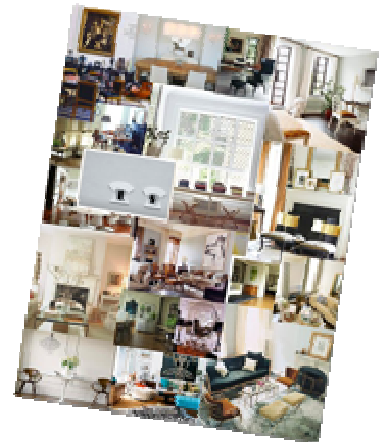
1. Place eggs in a saucepan in a single layer.
2. Fill with cold water to one inch over the tops of the eggs.
3. Cover pan with lid and bring to a boil over medium heat.
4. As soon as the water comes to a full boil, remove from heat and let stand.
5. Large soft-cooked eggs: let stand in hot water 1 to 4 minutes, depending on your tastes.
6. Large hard-cooked eggs: let stand in hot water 15 to 17 minutes.
7. When cooked to desired level, drain off the hot water.
8. Immediately cover with cold water and add a few ice cubes.
9. For soft-cooked eggs: let stand in the cold water until cool enough to handle. Serve.
10. For hard-cooked eggs: let stand in the cold water until completely cooled. Use as needed.

### Tips

1. Never boil eggs. It makes them rubbery.
2. Use older eggs. Fresh ones won't peel properly.
3. To keep eggs from cracking while cooking, pierce large end with a needle, which will also make them easier to peel.

## Inspiration Boards Can Help Pull all the Details Together

A wedding. A kitchen renovation. A nursery. A new garden or a new bathroom. What do these projects have in common? A tremendous number of decisions and details, and the need for a way to pull them all together.



Homeowners can take a page from the professionals and begin by creating a *vision board*. Also known as design boards or color boards, concept boards or inspiration boards, they are collages that help you focus on the elements in your project.

Vision boards can be as simple as pictures, paint chips and fabric swatches glued to a poster board. Or they can be as complex as a rendering done to scale on a computer screen.



"Each of us can easily create a different vision in our minds," said Dawn Esposito, a design consultant from Nottingham, M.D. "Story boards bring everyone to the same vision.

Everything can fall into place from that moment on."

Once everything is in place, you can take the vision board with you to a home and garden show, a furniture or fabric store, or even a big-box retailer day.

For more tips on Inspiration Boards visit [rismedia.com](http://rismedia.com)



## Do you think Zero Down Mortgages are “a thing of the past”?

You might be pleasantly surprised. I have closed on residential homes with Zero Down Mortgages and great rates this year! Call me today to find out if you qualify!



## Economy Embarking on Period of Expansion

### According to Fannie Mae's Economic & Mortgage Market Analysis Group

Continued improvements in economic activity driven by strong growth in consumer spending are moving the economy beyond the recovery phase and into a period of expansion, according to the *February 2011 Economic Outlook* released by Fannie Mae's Economics & Mortgage Market Analysis Group. For 2011, economic growth is projected to accelerate to 3.7%, up from 2.8% economic growth in 2010.

Housing has yet to see robust movement and continues to lag the rest of the economy, according to the group. On the upside, the excess supply of housing appears to have peaked. In addition, the rental vacancy rate fell, indicating the excess supply of housing is being worked off slowly—a trend necessary for housing to return to stability. The downward trend in the rental vacancy rate is consistent with the downward trend in the homeownership rate, which implies a rising share of households have chosen renting over owning. The homeownership rate fell to 66.5% in the fourth quarter of 2010, down from a peak of 69.2% in late 2004.

“We have confidence that the economy is on stronger legs with a sustainable growth path. Our projected annual growth rate for 2011 is nearly a full percent higher than the annual growth rate for 2010, which is a significant event,” said Fannie Mae Chief Economist Doug Duncan. “Economic cross currents such as the lack of sustained strong job growth, state and local fiscal issues and geo-political uncertainty in the Middle East present downside risks. Nevertheless, the positives outweigh the negatives.”

For more information, visit [www.fanniemae.com](http://www.fanniemae.com).

### 2011 White House Easter Egg Roll

This year's event will be held on April 25, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to the massive construction zone established for the White House tunnel system expansion project, they are holding the annual White House Easter Egg Roll inside the White House this year.



This year's theme is "Let's Go Play Indoors". Instead of the traditional "rolling of the eggs with a wooden spoon" outside on the lawn, guests will have the opportunity to participate in a good old-fashioned hunt for Easter eggs.

### Easter Egg Roll Live Web Cam



For those of us who will not be attending the White House Easter Egg Roll, they will be streaming the events live from the webcams located throughout the White House. Be sure to check out the live video feeds they are currently streaming from the Entrance Hall, the Oval Office, the Cabinet Room, and the Library. The video feeds are at: <http://whitehouse.gov1.info/easter-egg-roll/webcam.html>



## Insurance Corner

### How to SAVE on Homeowners Insurance 😊

Was your house built between 1980 – 2001?

Has your roof been replaced since 2001?

Have you had a wind mitigation inspection?

You could qualify for SIGNIFICANT homeowners insurance DISCOUNTS!

Many homes built between 1980 and 2001 have building features that could qualify for insurance discounts without any changes by the owner of the home. Many homes built during this time have hurricane clips, wraps and/or specific nails that were used during the construction of the home. If these features are present in the home, there are DISCOUNTS available on homeowners insurance.

Roofs that have been replaced since 2001 also could qualify for a DISCOUNT. The new roof should be to the latest build code and there is a discount available for FBC equivalent roofs.

If you want to be sure you are getting all of the discounts available for your home, please call Debby Jenkins at AAA Insurance in Trinity at 727-375-2404 ext 3241. She will be happy to review your policy and recommend ways to save on your insurance. Also, if your current company is not renewing your policy, she will be happy to assist with a new policy for you.



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