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Making a Chick Book

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- B. Cut out the sections.
- C. Staple the sections together.

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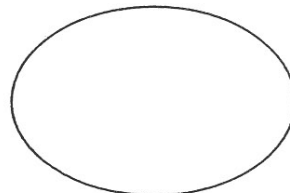
Cut along the edges

My Chick Book

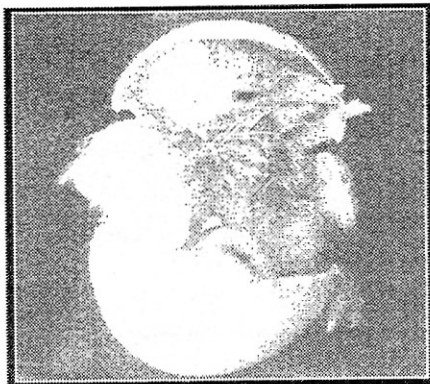
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Chicken eggs can be incubated by either incubators or by the mother hen. Regardless of incubation type, the incubation period lasts for 21 days. Incubators work by mechanical means. Natural incubation occurs by the mother hen. Eggs are incubated at 99.5°F with a moisture setting of 50%. The egg needs to be turned daily for the first 18 days to develop correctly. The egg requires no turning or handling during the last three days of incubation.



The hatching chick uses its only tooth to peck through the shell on or near day 20 of incubation.



Following the hatch, the chick spends nearly 24 hours drying off. It's during this period that the chick develops important functions for life.

