Hatching Maiasaura

Dinosaurs, like other reptiles, laid eggs. After a period of incubation (keeping the eggs safe and warm), a baby dinosaur would hatch. Some dinosaurs like the Maiasaura looked after her eggs until they hatched—and even cared for the babies afterwards. Practice your mama Maiasaura moves by crafting your own hatching baby Maiasaura with a removable shell.

Materials:

- Baby Maiasaura cut-out sheet
- Brass fasteners (brads)
- Crayons
- Paper
- Glue
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Color in your baby Maiasaura, and cut it out.

2. Color in the egg template. Recent research suggests that some dinosaur eggs were colorful and speckled, just like some bird eggs, so be creative with your colors.

3. Cut out the egg and cut along the jagged middle line.

4. Glue down the baby Maiasaura on a piece of paper, then glue the bottom of your egg on top of the Maiasaura, leaving the dinosaur’s head and arms visible.

5. Attach a brass fastener to the edge of the top half of the eggshell, and then through the paper so it connects with the bottom half of the egg (see example picture).