

'EGGSPERIMENT' WITH NATURAL DYES



YOU WILL NEED

- cooking pots
- white vinegar
- water
- eggs
- tablespoon
- selection of dyeing materials:

YOU COULD TRY...

brown onion skins
dry marigold flowers
turmeric
coffee grounds
blueberries
beetroot

TO MAKE...

yellow
yellow
orange
brown
blue/purple
pink/purple

*Try experimenting
with other berries,
fruits and
vegetable scraps*



METHOD

1. Prepare your eggs so the dye can soak into the shells.

The eggs will be easier to dye if you keep them in their shells, but if you'd like to eat them, carefully pierce a hole in the bottom to empty them before the dyeing process. Note: empty eggs are more delicate and will float, so you'll have to find a way to keep them under the water.

Boil eggs in a pot of water with 2 tbsp of vinegar for 20 mins. Top tip: Keep the heat low to avoid the shells cracking. Remove the eggs and allow to cool.

2. Prepare your dye: as a guide, use 2tbsp of spices or 1 cup of other ingredients to a litre of water. Bring ingredients to the boil, then add 2tbsp of vinegar and eggs to the pot and simmer for 30 mins. Remove pot from the heat and allow eggs to soak in the dye mixture overnight.
3. Remove eggs from the dye and leave to dry. Rubbing them with cooking oil will bring out their colours and any patterns that have formed.