

Onion Ink



This activity will need some supervision and lots of onion skins.

Onion Skins are a great natural dye because they have their own chemistry means the colour in the skin can stick to paper and even fabric without adding other chemicals.

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Materials

For this project you will need:

One Cup of Onion Skins (Red Or Brown)

Saucepan

Water,

Paintbrushes

Paper (Watercolour or thick paper works best)



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Step 1.

Collect your skins and put them in a small steel saucepan.



Step 2.

Add 2 cups of Water and put on the hob.



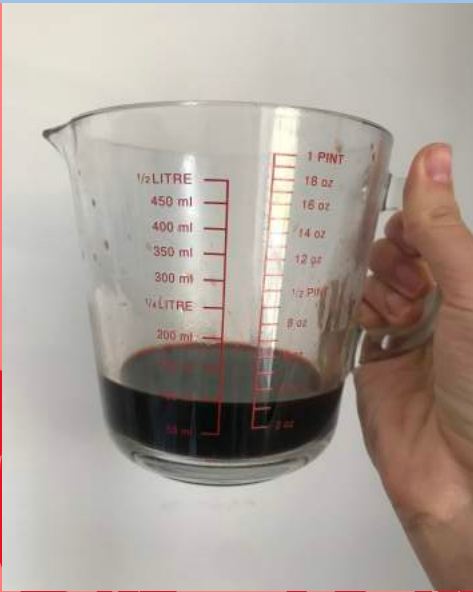
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Simmer on the lowest setting for at least 1 hour. Make sure all the water doesn't evaporate.

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Step 4.

Remove mixture from the heat and let it cool. Use a sieve to remove the onion skins transferring your coloured water to a pot.



Step 5.

Get some paper and a brush and paint!



The colour of the onion dye will work like watercolours so it's quite easy to build up textures by waiting for layers to dry.