

Flowers and Colours

Mighty Mega Saturday Morning Club activities by Renata Minoldo

Activity four: *Making inks out of natural matter*

Hello and welcome to this week's video activity!

This week we are using the colourful liquid we used to dye our eggs with to make some drawing inks! As a family activity, if you like to get a more intense colour, you could simmer the liquid for about 30', and to preserve it for longer you could add some rubbing alcohol to your mix. Make sure to store your inks in a dark, cool place and keep it tightly closed, so the alcohol doesn't evaporate!

You will need: *leftover colourful liquid you used to dye your eggs with, some jars, watercolour paper or some thick, absorbent paper like sugar paper, some plastic pipettes or bottles with droppers, some syringes, newspaper, cotton buds and brushes if you have some. Also, and as usual, please gather a nice amount of patience! Inks will take some time to set, and it's best to keep them in the same place until they've dried.*



Step by step with the help of a grown up

1. Slowly simmer your liquid for about 30'. If you're making the ink from scratch using pomegranate skins, simmer them in a small quantity of liquid and then use a strainer to get rid of the solids.
2. Wait until the liquid cools down and then pour the content in a glass jar or bottle with a lid.
3. Add some rubbing alcohol to it and mix well
4. Mix well by shaking your liquid.
5. Get some paper and enjoy yourself!

I hope you truly have lots of fun doing this,

With love and care,
Renata