



Experiment with natural dyeing by following the instructions below to create your own uniquely patterned eggs.

When you are finished, why not share a picture of your beautiful patterned egg to our social media page?



**You will need...**

- Fresh Eggs
- Leaves and flowers of your choice
- Onion skins (from 1 or 2 onions)
- Old clean pair of tights/stockings
- White Vinegar (optional if you have it in)
- Tablespoon
- Big pan



**Step One**

Take your chosen foliage and using water as glue place them onto the uncooked eggs forming your desired pattern. The areas covered will stay the original egg colour, whereas all exposed egg shell will turn darker. Remember to only choose plants you recognise and wash first.



**Step Two**

Cut sections of the tights so that you can place the egg(s) inside each piece separately to secure your pattern and tie off the ends.



**Step Three**

Put onion skins into pan of boiling water, add 5 tablespoons of vinegar and let them soak for 2 minutes before adding in the eggs. Eggs should be fully submerged carefully into the water and kept at boiling. Be careful as the water will be very hot!



**Step Four**

Boil for 3 minutes and then simmer on low heat for approx. 30minutes to let the dye set. You'll notice the water going a rich dark brown.

**Step Five**

Once the desired shade of colour has been reached, remove the eggs carefully and then remove them from the tights. Carefully take off any stuck foliage to reveal your pattern. Lastly enjoy your edible art work!

