

## Naturally dyed Eggs decoration project

**Material: White eggs (boiled or carefully emptied), a selection of leaves (or flowers), saucepans, a pair of old clean tights (to be cut), thread and scissors.**



For this project I have made 3 different natural dyes:  
**avocado skin=old pink, red onion peel=dark red and nettles=light green**



1. Place the avocado skins, (you can use the avocado pit too, for dye making but for this project I only used the skin), the nettles and the red onion peel in separate saucepans with water.  
Boil it for about 20 mins.

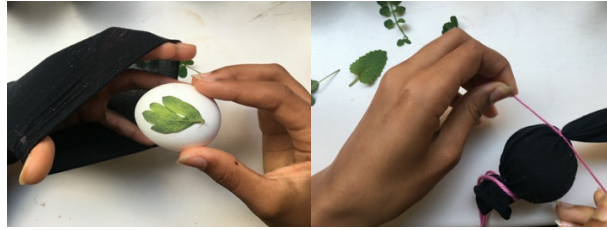
**While your dyes are boiling, decorate your eggs!**



1. Make a selection of small leaves from a garden or a local park  
(I have only used leaves, but small flowers are great too).  
You will need to use them shortly after picking them up, so that they do not wilt.



2. Place the small leaves one by one on the eggs.  
If you dip them in water first, they will hold on better.



3. Make small strips (about the size of your hand) from the old tights. Place the egg inside and pull it tightly but carefully, making sure to keep the leaves are in place. Secure both ends making sure the leaves are pressed to the egg (you might need help for this step, doing it together with someone is much easier). Repeat this step for all the eggs.

**Now your eggs are ready to be dyed!!**



4. Place the eggs inside the dyes and boil it for another 20 mins. Then set aside to cool down. Leave the eggs in the dyes overnight to get deeper colours.



5. Gently cut off the tights and peel the leaves off the eggs. Rinse them and 'voila' you have made beautiful naturally decorated eggs.



Many other vegetables or plants are great to use for dye too so have fun and experiment! (turmeric=yellow, brown onion peel for rust brown, red cabbage=light blue, beetroots=light red etc...)

**I hope you will enjoy decorating and dying you eggs with natural products!**