

# HOMEMADE INK MAKING

TIPS AND RECIPES FROM KAYTEA PETRO

## HIBISCUS INK RECIPE

2 Cups Ground Dried Hibiscus Flowers  
2 Cups Water + 3-5 Cups Additional Water  
10-20 Drops Gum Arabic

Combine hibiscus with water in a non-reactive pot or container and bring to a boil on the stove or microwave. Let boil for 5 mins, then add one cup of cold water, and bring back to a boil. Repeat this process for 30-60 mins. Cool the mixture, use a coffee filter to strain the solids. Add 5-10 drops of gum arabic for every 1 ounce of ink.

Alternatively, use 2-4 ounces of powdered tumeric in the above recipe for a beautiful orange ink.

## EUCALYPTUS SEED INK RECIPE

2-3 Cups Eucalyptus Seeds  
3 Cups Water  
10-20 Drops Gum Arabic

Combine equivalent volumes of eucalyptus seeds and water in a non-reactive pot or container and bring to a boil on the stove or microwave. Let boil for 15-20 minutes, and then let it steep while it cools. Strain out the solids. Add 5-10 drops of gum arabic for every 1 ounce of ink.

### INK MAKING PROCESSES & TIPS

#### SAFETY & SUCCESS TIPS

- \* NEVER USE THE SAME CONTAINERS FOR INK MAKING AS YOU USE TO PREPARE FOOD - KEEP ART SUPPLIES AND FOOD THINGS SEPERATE.
- \* YOU PROBABLY WILL SPILL, SO BE PREPARED AND USE NEWSPRINT ETC ON COUNTERS TO MAKE CLEANUP EASY.

#### GENERAL INK MAKING PROCESS

- COMBINE EQUAL VOLUMES OF WATER AND YOUR POTENTIAL INK MAKING MATERIAL (LEAVES, BARK, SEEDS, FRUIT/ VEGGIE LEFTOVERS ETC.) IN A INK MAKING CONTAINER.
- HEAT UP AND SIMMER THE CONCOCTION FOR 10-30 MINS.
- USE PAPER TOWELS TO TEST COLOR DEPTH.
- WHEN IT'S CONCENTRATED ENOUGH, LET IT COOL, AND FILTER OUT THE SOLIDS.
- ADD 5-10 DROPS OF GUM ARABIC FOR EVERY 1 OUNCE OF INK.