

Flower Petal Ink

You will need:

- Colourful flower petals
- Boiling water
- Pestle and mortar (optional)
- Jar or bowl



1. Mash the flower petals in a jar or bowl using a pestle and mortar or anything else you can grind them with!
2. Pour just enough boiling water over the petals so they are covered.
3. Leave in a sunny spot (preferably overnight) until the water changes colour.
4. Now you're ready to paint!



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Flower petals are colourful because the colour attracts birds, bees and other insects. The insects land in the flower and spread pollen which helps fertilise the flowers. The different colours are caused by different pigments in the petals. The colours that we see in flower petals aren't actually the colours that insects see. Because insects have different eye structures, they may see totally different colours to us!



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