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Egg Dyeing Experiment

Want to get outside of the dye box? Here are two different techniques for dyeing eggs. Which will you try or will you test both techniques?

Remember safety first AND dye dyes. Protect you, your work area, and materials accordingly!

Method one: Food Colouring

Supplies Needed

Boiling Water

Vinegar

Food colouring

Measuring tools (liquid 1/2 cup and teaspoon)

Glass jars for dyeing

Instructions

<https://www.mccormick.com/recipes/other/easter-eggs>

Add 1/2 cup boiling water, 1 teaspoon vinegar and 10 to 20 drops food color in a glass jar. Do this for each colour you wish you use. Dip prepared eggs in the dye jars for about 5 minutes. Use a spoon, wire egg holder or tongs to lower and raise the eggs.

Method Two: Natural Dye

Supplies Needed

Natural items such as: yellow/red onion skins, beets, paprika, red/purple cabbage, spinach or more.

Water

Vinegar

Cooking pots that won't get stained

Glass jars for dyeing

Measuring tools

Chopping tools (knives, cutting boards)



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Instructions

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/easter-ideas/how-to/a31737/natural-easter-egg-dyes/>

One-quart water + two tablespoons vinegar boiled. Add dye ingredients (some suggestions below) and simmer for 30 minutes. Cool. Strain and then add eggs. Need to soak for 30 minutes minimum.

Dye Ingredient Suggestions

Onion Skins: 4 cups yellow onion skins

Turmeric: 3 tbsp turmeric powder

Blueberries: 4 cups (ours were frozen)

Experiment Results

The food colouring gave almost instant results. We used some crayon to draw on the egg to create a resist. The natural dyes were fun to create but the wait was hard. Both create beautiful eggs, try both techniques and decide which result you prefer!



Natural Dyes



Food Colouring

Need a refresher to prep your eggs?

Check out the instructions for Hardboiled <https://eggsafety.org/tips-for-safely-handling-dyeing-and-eating-easter-eggs/> and Blown Out <https://eggsafety.org/enjoy-easter-little-longer-blown-colored-eggs/> eggs. Choose which option is right for you.



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