

Experimenting with Found Materials

Start looking around your home for unusual things that you could paint or draw with...



Onion skins work really well if you boil them in water for 45 minutes, discard the skins and use the water as ink. Brown or red onions work and make different colours.



My Mum had a go with red onion skins from her home and sent me the results...



Make some test pages to sample your materials and pigments...





Paprika
&
oil

(cold)

(hot)

Hibiscus, raspberry
& strawberry
tea

Red bush
tea

cinnamon

English Breakfast Tea

curried
goat
seasoning (INC/Turmeric)

Coffee

Balsamic
vinegar

Tea

Paprika

Mustard (with
knife)

Soy sauce

Cocoa
Powder

Spirulina
powder

With kitchen
sponge

Cinnamon
& hot
oil

With
salt



Don't be discouraged if you don't happen to have many things to use. If you only find one thing that works, keep using it in as many ways as possible!

Now take your time working from an object, photograph, view or your imagination and spend some time making a picture with your homemade pallet!

I looked at a bunch of bananas and painted them with brown onion skin water, turmeric, spirulina, coffee and cocoa. I used a paintbrush, a stick and my finger...



I hope you enjoyed this project, I can't wait to see what you come up with!





