

# Space to Create!

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## Egg Tempera Using Natural Pigments

This information sheet will explain how to make egg tempera and suggest natural pigments you can find in your kitchen and garden.

### What you will need

- Eggs
- Pigments could include ***earth, charcoal/ash from a barbeque, chalk, kitchen spices, herbs i.e. basil, coffee, tea, beetroot, rose petals, powder-paints, clay, blackberries***
- Dish x 2
- Palette Knife or glue spreader
- Palette or white plate or dish
- Paint brush
- Water and water pot
- Honey (Gum Arabic)



### Step by Step Instructions

1. Separate the egg yolk from the egg white making sure you remove the egg sack
2. Place the egg yolk in a small bowl and add the same amount of water to egg yolk, mix thoroughly (add a couple of drops of honey, optional)
3. Using a spoon or palette knife place some of your pigment onto a palette/plate
4. Mix in a little of the egg, water and honey solution to make a paste with the pigment.
5. Dilute the pigment paste to the consistency that you want to paint with
6. Enjoy your painting!