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Make Medieval Paint

Ever wondered where artists from the Middle Ages got their paints from? They often made paint from natural materials! To try making your own homemade paints, follow the instructions with each photo and see how your painting turns out! Ask a grownup for help if you need it. For more info about the Middle Ages, check out our Educational Resource here: bit.ly/32jZT8O



Check out this brightly-colored medieval manuscript from the 1400s bit.ly/34qVraU and zoom in to see all the paint colors close up!



Step 1:

Search outside and around your house for natural substances that you could use as paint colors. Be adventurous and experiment!



Step 2:

Mix each substance with a little water until you make a colored liquid. Some substances may need to be ground up to color the water.



Step 3:

Using a paintbrush, use your natural paints to create a beautiful picture!

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