



NATURE'S COLORS - Easter Eggs - Coloring Guide

Guidelines for use with INDIA TREE Nature's Color Decorating Set.

Cooking:

1. Place one dozen eggs in a large saucepan, adding enough water to immerse the eggs completely.
2. Add one tablespoon distilled white vinegar to the water. Bring the water to a boil, then turn off the heat and let the eggs sit in the hot water for 15 minutes.
3. Drain the pan of the hot water and fill it again with cold water to stop the eggs from cooking. Dry each egg with a towel before dyeing.



Dyeing:

1. Into a deep cup, small glass bowl, or coffee mug, pour enough boiling water to completely cover one egg (about ½ cup). Add 20 to 30 drops of the dye, making certain to stir well. You may also want to add a teaspoon of vinegar.
2. Slowly lower an egg into the dye water. Once the egg is immersed, gently rock the container or move egg around with a spoon to shake off any air bubbles.
3. Let the egg sit in the hot dye water for 5-15 minutes. At a certain point the egg will stop absorbing pigment.



4. Lift the egg out with two forks or a spoon. Place the egg on a paper towel or pin board. Avoid touching the wet egg with your fingers.
5. When the egg is dry to the touch, gently pick it up to check the bottom. If a small pool of dye has formed at the base of the egg, blot it off gently with a paper towel.
6. Refrigerate the eggs until you are ready to use them.

INDIA TREE Nature's Colors Decorating colors were originally formulated for tinting frosting. When applied to eggs they produce soft, pastel colors.

Not all eggs will take the colors evenly. Some colors will be brighter than others. Red dye does not take well to eggs, so the resulting color will be a soft rose pink.