

Dying Easter Eggs with Nature's Colors

Cooking:

1. Place one dozen eggs in a large saucepan, adding enough water to immerse the eggs completely.
2. Add up to 2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar to each quart of 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, pour enough boiling distilled water to completely cover eggs. Add 20 to 30 drops of India Tree Decorating Colors dye, making certain to stir well and 1-2 teaspoons of vinegar per cup of water.
2. Slowly immerse the egg into the dye water and gently move the egg around with a spoon to shake off any air bubbles.
3. Let the egg sit in the hot dye water for 1-2 hours. At a certain point the eggshell 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.



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