



How To Dye Cornhusk

Cornhusk is an excellent crafting medium. Naturally porous the husk dyes beautifully yielding rich colours that are highlighted by the husk ridged texture. See our easy DIY dyeing instructions below.

What's Needed:

Corn Husk (Food Grade) - Grocery Store
One-Step Tie Dye Kit (Orange or other colour)- Tulip
Gallon Zip Close Bag
Paper Towel

How To Make It:



1-Select colour of dye to be used. Mix with water according to package instructions. Set aside.

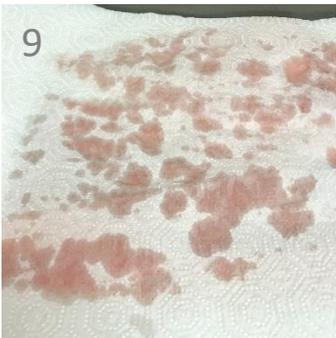
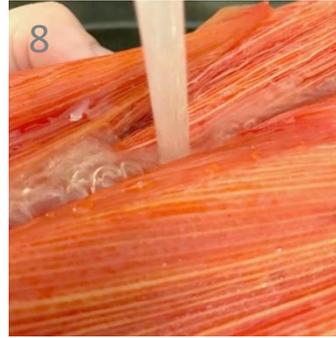
2- Remove cornhusk from package. Separate stacked husk into single pieces. Place 15 pieces loosely in the gallon plastic bag.



3- Pour the dye over the husk. Add another bottle of clean cold water.

4- Carefully press excess air out of the bag and zip close. Work the dye around the husk. At first the husk will appear to resist the dye. Continue working the dye around the husk.

*We used a dye kit bottle for this application.
For larger projects use a .13oz bottle.*



5- Husk will become saturated with the dye mixture. If needed add a second bottle of clean cold water to the bag.

6. Once the husk is covered with the dye, fold the bag in half so husk sits in the dye. Let husk sit for 9 hours or overnight. *Additional dye time will darken the colour, sometimes too much.*

7- Open bag and pour dye down a stainless-steel sink (*be mindful of sink material*). Remove and separate husk.

8- Run cold water over the dyed husk till water run clear.

9- Place wet husk on a paper towels to blot.

10- Most applications will require the husk to be moist and pliable. Plan to craft flowers after rinsing. Wrap husk in moist towels when in use. Let husk dry when not.

- Food grade husk is usually lightly moist directly out of the package. Keep un-dyed husk in a closed air tight bag while working with it so it doesn't dry out.
- Husk can be hydrated by running it under cold water. Place in a damp towel to keep it from getting moist. To keep husk from molding lay unused husk out to dry.
- Natural husk dyes beautifully. The hues captured by its natural texture creates exquisite flowers.