

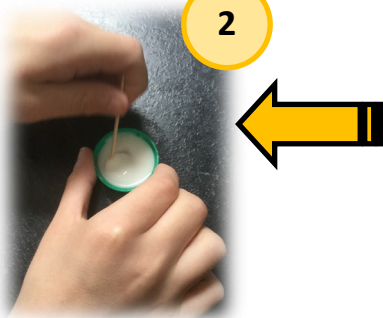


MATERIAL NEEDED:

- * 4 tbsp bicarbonate soda
- * 2 tbsp white vinegar
- * 1/2 tsp Golden Corn Syrup
- * 2 tbsp corn flour
- * Food colouring (icing gels produce intense colours)
- * Shallow containers (recycled milk bottle lids are perfect, but you can also use an ice cube tray)

The quality of these watercolours is not comparable with real watercolour paint, but we think they're a perfect cheap alternative for experimenting with watercolours during the lockdown, as you can create them with ingredients easily found in the kitchen.

Mix the bicarbonate and vinegar together in a container (better if it's a jug or a spouted bowl): expect an impressive fizzing! Wait for it to stop.



Add the corn syrup and cornflour. Mix well until the cornflour has dissolved. Pour the mix in your chosen containers for your paint, making sure to divide it into equal parts. Your mixture will be quite thick. Keep stirring it to maintain the mix in its liquid form as much as possible. A toothpick or a small spoon can help you with it.

Get the food colouring and add it to the divided mix. Stir your colour in with the toothpick and mix well. Once you are happy with the colours (keep in mind that the colours will be less bright after drying), let the paint set. Your watercolour paints have to dry completely. This could take up to a couple of days, depending on the condition of your environment.

When your watercolours are dry, simply grab a paint brush and some water and test them out! The colours might be (depending on the type of food colouring) quite light and delicate on paper, but with a nice glittering flair...**GET PAINTING!**

