

Dye to Ink...

You can turn a dye in to an ink by adding a binder to it. The dye alone would work as a colorant if painted directly on to a sheet of paper, but when a binder is added the dye will no longer bleed through the paper. The binder used is most commonly gum Arabic which is formed from the sap of the acacia tree. Alternatively any other sufficient binder can be used to thicken the dye, allowing it to sit on top of the surface you're working on.

By adding Egg yolk to an oak gall ink tannin dye I made a while ago I have prepared it for use as an ink. It will now sit easily on the surface of the paper I'm working on and will glide nicely on use with a quill or other spreading instrument.



TOP TIP...

Only mix as much as you need as the presence of egg yolk will cause your ink to go off and mouldy in a short amount of time.

Oak Gall Ink
