

Mud Paint Nature

Did you know - the first pigments for artists paint came from the earth and there are still artists who make a living using actual mud for their art. Try earth or mud from different areas of your garden or outdoor space to see if you can find different shades of brown. In some areas you may be able to find clay, this will create a grey colour to your art.

You will need:

Bowls.

A handful of earth or mud from your playground or open space.

Heavy duty or cartridge paper - if this is unavailable use an area of ground where you don't mind it getting muddy or where it can be washed away.

Paintbrushes or make your own with nature.

Water.

Washing up liquid (not essential but does make the 'paint' flow)

Food colouring or paint if you want to add some colour.

Photos of native species.

What to do:

Place a handful of earth in a bowl and mix with a little water to make a muddy consistency.

Add a squirt of washing up liquid for a better flow of paint.

Experiment with different consistencies (add more or less water) to see the effect it has on your painting.

If using colours, less mud, more water will bring out the best colour. Powder paint will give the best effect.

Paint different native species!