

# Crafts Council / Get making

## Summer craft challenge

### Materials:

- a white pair of socks
- flowers and leaves
- lemon juice or white vinegar
- saucepan with lid and sieve or colander
- string or elastic bands
- an iron

You can experiment with other natural fibre fabrics such as cotton, linen, silk or wool.

Before starting make sure all fabrics are washed to remove any waxes, finishings or residue from your textile material. This will allow the dye to penetrate more evenly.



Bundle-dyed socks  
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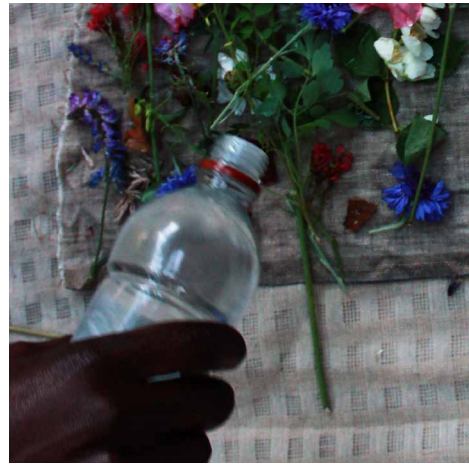


1.



Forage for flowers and leaves, the more colour the better! Then arrange them on your damp socks.

2.



Pour vinegar or lemon juice all over the flowers and fabric.

3.



Roll up tightly and secure with string or elastic bands.

4.



Repeat on the second sock.

5.



Fill a saucepan with water and place the socks in a sieve on top with a lid on. Steam them for 1-1.5 hours, carefully rotate the socks every 30 minutes for even colouring.

6.



Let the socks cool down overnight. Unravel and remove the flowers. Rinse the fabric and allow to air dry, then iron to set the colour.