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Recipe for an iron ink

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drawing in elderberry, iron rust and tumeric, 2020

Suitable for any rusty metal. Rusty nails are perfect!

- 1 Take a couple of handfuls of rusty nails or any small bits of rusty metal, and place in a large jam jar
- 2 Cover with a 50/50 mix of water and white vinegar (or just water)
- 3 Leave to soak for a couple of weeks
- 4 You can use the liquid as an ink, or try using it in combination with your other inks
- 5 Keep topping up the jam jar with water/vinegar – it will last for a long, long time

Try painting with all of your inks using different shaped brushes

Try making your own painting or writing tools with things that you find outside. Feathers, twigs, stalks, reeds and leaves all make good tools

Try pouring or dripping your ink onto paper, or blowing it with a straw. Blotting and folding also make interesting effects.

Try dropping different inks into each other using a pipette, and try different types and sizes of paper

Don't forget to try dropping modifiers such as bicarb or lemon juice into your inks!

Collect all three of Kate's ink cards. Don't forget to email and let us know how you get on - info@campleline.org.uk