

Making Ink

What you'll need:

1/2 cup of ripe berries (blackberries work well)
1/2 teaspoon vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
Measuring cups and measuring spoons
Strainer
Bowl
Wooden spoon
Baby food jar (optional)

What to do:

- 1 Measure the berries, then empty some into the strainer. Place the strainer over a bowl.
- 2 Using the rounded back of a wooden spoon, crush the berries in the strainer so juice drips into the bowl.
- 3 Keep adding berries until all of them have been used. Crush the berries until most of the juice has been produced, and only pulp remains in the strainer.
- 4 Add the salt and vinegar to the juice and stir to make ink.
- 5 If the ink is too thick, add a tablespoon of water.

Now the ink is ready to be used with a quill pen!

TIP: Ink may be stored in a baby food jar. The salt in the ink keeps it from getting moldy and the vinegar preserves the color.