

ECO Darkroom Materials List

PRACTICAL SETUP

- ☐ **Access to light** (preferably a window or outdoors access)
- ☐ **Access to water**
- ☐ **Access to a dark space** (a closet, or bathroom with limited light)
- ☐ **A place to dry prints** (either laid flat or a place where you can attach a clothesline to hang prints)

PHOTOGRAPHY MATERIALS

- ☐ **Inexpensive Photo Frames** (or equivalent such as a sheet of glass/plexi with something to back it with and bulldog clips)
- ☐ **Film Processing Tank**
- ☐ **2 x B&W Films** (ideally [Fomapan 100](#) - 1 x exposed, and 1 x blank)
- ☐ **B&W Photo-paper** (quantity and size of sheets doesn't matter)
- ☐ **Paper** (printmaking paper or watercolour paper is best, however experimentation is encouraged)
- ☐ **Washable brushes** (sponge or otherwise)
- ☐ **Positives on transparency** (high contrast or doubled up) **or hand drawn** and/or
- ☐ **Objects for photograms**

Optional Extras

- **Workable Fixative or gel medium with UV blocking agent** (*optional*)
- **Sodium Thiosulfate - 100g** recommended amount, or more (*optional*)
- **Copper Sulphate** (*optional*)

STORE-CUPBOARD ITEMS

- ☐ **Table Salt**
- ☐ **Vitamin C tablets** (from supermarket/chemist etc)
- ☐ **Instant Coffee** (cannot be decaffeinated) **could try beer/wine** (any will work, stouts are better)
- ☐ **Washing Soda** (sodium carbonate)

Optional Extras

- **Glycerine** (*optional*)
- **Alcohol - vodka or rubbing** (*optional*)

FRESH INGREDIENTS

- ☐ **3 x Lemons**
- ☐ **Herb leaves** (Mint, Parsley, Tomato, other)
- ☐ **Fresh leaves** (Spinach, Maple, Oak, Colocasia, Alocasia, Nasturtiums, Hosta, Banana Leaf, Grass)
- ☐ **Fresh Spinach / Fresh Turmeric / Spirulina or Seaweed / experiment!**
- ☐ **Poppies / Marigolds / Pansies**

KITCHEN UTENSILS

- ☐ **Pestle & Mortar or food processor**
- ☐ **3 x Trays, capable of holding liquids** (can be photography trays or upcycled plastic, ceramic or glass)
- ☐ **Measuring Beaker/Cup**
- ☐ **Kitchen Scales** (capable of measuring in grams)
- ☐ **Desk Lamp** (with a weak bulb or paper to dim with)
- ☐ **Scissors**
- ☐ **Documentation method** (smartphone, camera or scanner for computer)
- ☐ **Box to store prints in after** (the more light-proof the better)
- ☐ **Notebook and Pencil**

Optional Extras

- **Kitchen Gloves and clothes to get messy in** (*recommended but optional*)

- ☐ **We also ask for patience and an experimental spirit!**