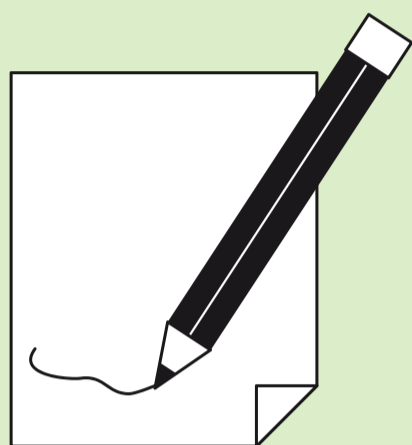


Greenhillock at Home

POTIONS



WHAT YOU NEED

Equipment:

Large mixing bowl
Pestle and mortar (if you have one)
Scissors
Bottle or jar for your finished potion
Pouring jug
Sieve
Paper and pencils
String, ribbon or twine

Ingredients:

Wet - food colouring, water
Dry - anything you can forage!

STEP 1

Forage for dry potion ingredients

Grab a large bowl or bucket and head to the park or garden for ingredients. Be discerning, take only what you need and use fallen materials over picking things, when you can. It is OK to pick commonly occurring ingredients such as grasses and their seed heads, leaves, garden flowers and plants.



STEP 2

Grind and chop your dry ingredients

If you have one, you can use a pestle and mortar to grind up things like grass and seed heads. Otherwise, you could improvise by using two stones or just chop them up with scissors. Decide how many ingredients you would like to have in your potion.

What are the properties of your ingredients?
What will they make your potion do?

Put your dry ingredients into a large bowl.

STEP 3

Add liquid ingredients

If you have food colouring available you can use it to create a whole range of magical liquid ingredients (see our photo album for ideas). If not, don't worry, water or diluting juice and your imagination will more than do the job.

Where do your liquid ingredients come from?
What do they add to your potion?



STEP 4

Filter (or not), bottle and label

If you want to your can use a sieve to filter out your dry ingredients. Otherwise pour the whole concoction into a small bottle or jar.

Now its time to think of a name for your potion. Think about what it does, who it is for or what it is made of. What catchy title will you give it?

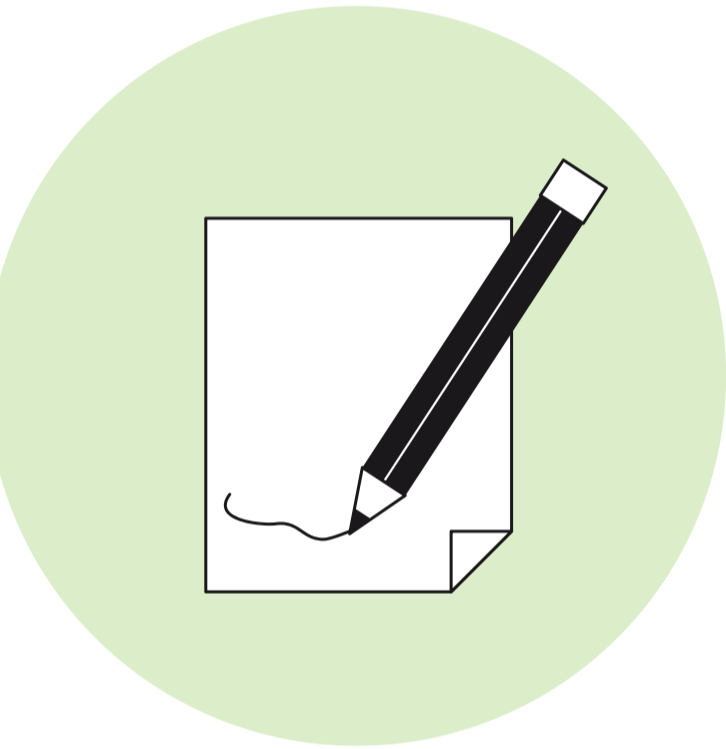
When you've decided, use your paper and pencils to make a label and attach it to your potion with twine or ribbon.



WHAT NEXT

Are you the next Fred or George Weasley?

Why not create an ingredients list for your potion to help future customers understand what's in it and what it can do? If want your list to have an authentic parchment look, read on below and watch the video on our website to find out how to do it!



WHAT YOU NEED

- Baking tray
- Very strong, cold tea
- Left over tea bags
- White paper
- Washing line (or string)
- Pegs
- Pencils, pens, imagination!

STEP 1

Make some very strong tea (around three bags per pint will do it). Hang on to the tea bags for later. Allow the tea to cool and pour it into a baking tray. Soak a piece of white paper in the tray for around three to four minutes. Remove the paper from the tea mixture and peg it on a washing line to dry. Do this a few times so you have a good stock of stained paper.

STEP 2

When the paper is dry, remove it from the line. Scrunch the paper into a ball and then smooth it flat. If you want to you can add small tears around the edges of the parchment to make it look more authentic. Squeeze excess moisture out of your tea bag so it is damp and wipe it all over the surface of your paper. See how the tea brings out the lines made by the creases and tears. Hang the paper back up to dry again.

STEP 3

When the paper is dry again, remove it from the line. Now you have your finished parchment you are ready to describe your potion. Start by adding the potion's name to your parchment. Next come up with a list of ingredients, what ingredients can you remember from the Harry Potter stories? Or perhaps you want to come up with your own ideas. Think about animals and plants that appear in stories and folktales involving magic. Finally, what are the properties of your potion, what does it do and who uses it?

We would love to see your finished creations and hear your stories. Please post pictures and videos to our Facebook page or email kate@greenglamping.co.uk.