

# what supplies do i need to begin eco-printing?

Gather these basic supplies and you'll be on your way to eco-printing with leaves today.

<b>Supplies and Tools</b>	<b>Why?</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Watercolor paper (140#) torn down to fit the tiles</b>	<b>The plant material will print on this paper. You can use a thinner paper for journal pages.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>12" electric skillet</b>	<b>Use to steam paper and plant material</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Variety of plants, leaves, flowers</b>	<b>Elm tree leaves, peony leaves, honeysuckle leaves, Japanese maple leaves are good to start with</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vinegar as mordant</b>	<b>When added to the water in the skillet, it helps draw out the color of the plant onto the paper</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3 stones or heat-resistant blocks</b>	<b>Keeps the bundle of paper and tiles out of the water for steaming</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>(2) 8 inch ceramic tiles</b>	<b>The outside layers that hold the bundle together and up out of the hot water in the skillet</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>(2) 2 inch binder clips</b>	<b>Use these to clamp the bundle together</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Timer</b>	<b>Measure the time for steaming (25 minutes)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Camera</b>	<b>Take photos of plants before and after eco-printing</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Notebook</b>	<b>Take notes about plants, mordants, and steps taken in your process</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Old towels</b>	<b>Use to lay out hot bundle when you take it out of skillet</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>String for hanging wet paper</b>	<b>Use this to hang wet papers after printing</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Small binder clips</b>	<b>Clip wet paper by the corner when hanging from the string</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gloves</b>	<b>To protect your hands from the heat as you take the bundle out of the skillet</b>