Colour in Felt-Tip Pens

Science Experiment



- 1. Cut 5 strips of coffee filter paper.
- 2. Put a dot of felt-tip pen, about 4cm up from the bottom of the filter paper. Use a new strip of filter paper for each of the colours.
- 3. Pour a small amount of water into the jar (approximately 3cm deep).
- 4. Place the end with the dot on it into the jar so that it is just touching the water. Do not let the coloured dot touch the water.
- Leave for a couple of minutes and then check. You should see colour starting to spread up the filter paper.
- After 10 minutes, the water will have moved up the filter papers and left areas of different colours along the paper.

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You will need:

5 different coloured felt-tip pens

Glass jar

Coffee filter paper





