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NATURAL SHUNGITE PAINT FOR BEEHIVES

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Ingredients and equipment

- 1 medium sized glass of fine rye flour (also works with rice or wheat flour)
- 4 glasses of water
- $\frac{3}{4}$ glass of linseed oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon of liquid organic soap (such as dishwashing soap)
- 2 tablespoons of shungite powder
- Optional: $\frac{1}{4}$ glass of iron sulphate (also called ferrous sulphate; can be in granules, crystals or in liquid form). This acts as a preservative against moisture. However, as shungite has similar properties, it is not strictly necessary.
- Optional: natural pigment
- A mixer or blender
- A big jar or two to store
- A large brush



Procedure

- If the iron sulphate is granulated, soak it in water few hours beforehand.
- Sift the flour if necessary.
- Cook the flour and water on a low heat for approximately 15 minutes, until the flour thickens. Stir regularly to avoid lumps.
- Add the other ingredients.
- Add water if necessary to obtain a smooth texture.
- Mix or blend the mixture.
- Store in large jars in a cool place.

Use

In dry weather, use a large brush to apply one or two layers onto the wooden parts of the hives: wooden roof or frame cover, walls.

Can be stored in a cool place for few months.

