

# [Black Ink] Jonathan Odell

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Ingredients

rain water

river water

blue galls of Aleppo

green copperas

gum arabic

rock alum

walnut peelings

sawdust

Places

Aleppo

**Source:** Jonathan Odell Notebook

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Description

This recipe is on page 12. Image courtesy of New Brunswick Museum Archives and Research Library.

Transcription

Black Ink

To six quarts of rain or River

water put on pound & a half of fresh  
blue galls of Aleppo bruised pretty  
small, eight ounces of clean hard  
green copperas, eight ounces of  
clear gum arabic & two ounces  
of rock allum: let the whole stand  
together in a large stone Bottle,  
or earthen Pott, & stir the mixture  
thoroughly once or twice a day,  
till the tincture be sufficiently  
strong, then let it settle, and  
after some days decant it for  
use -- N.B. If you soak the green  
peelings of Walnuts with oak Saw Dust  
in rain water for a fortnight, then  
strain it & add the above Ingredients  
the ink will be the stronger.

Black Ink recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/521>