

## Tree Paste

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Tree paste or tree paint is used to protect trees against fungus after pruning or on gashes the tree may have sustained by animal or human damage. In some countries trees in orchards and towns or cities are painted as a matter of course in the autumn to give them protection against harsh winter climates.. The same mix is also good for potting new cuttings.

In our playgrounds it is wonderful for children to have a medicine to use on the trees surrounding them. Tree paste is made of 1/3 each cow manure, clay and sand. (Cow manure giving antibiotic qualities; Clay giving mediating qualities and Sand reflecting the light of the cosmos.)

As a paste it can be patted. on exposed or open parts of the tree. Adding water to the paste will allow it to be painted on the trees. Dustpan brooms are perfect tools for this.

The children enjoy making the paint in a bucket and spreading it on their favourite trees. This is a great activity for a whole community to do together. Empowered meaningful healing work of a rhythmical satisfying quality.

The song used for putting calendula cream on a child's wound is perfect for transferring to this activity.