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INGREDIENTS & TOOLS:

- Alum powder (potassium aluminium sulfate, potash alum) - 125 g
- Water - 400 g/ml to dissolve
- Water - 1000 g/ml for bain marie
- Piece of velvet

Tools: kettle, spoon, scale, wide flat glass or ceramic bowl (big enough to fit the velvet)

THIS IS A VARIATION ON:

Alum crystals by Anastasia Pistofidou for Fabricademy.

Using velvet as a substrate.

MAKING PROCEDURE:

- Weigh the alum
- Cut velvet to size and put in side the smaller bowl
- Boil the water, fill the bowl for 75% and add alum while stirring until all is dissolved
- Put the alum solution bowl inside the wide oven pan, make a bain marie. Place somewhere where it can stay undisturbed for 8-16 hr
- Remove as soon as crystals have formed to avoid sticking to the bowl
- Rinse with cold water, dry

Not renewable nor compostable, but easily reused by re-dissolving, and crystallizing onto other substrate