

Honoring our Waters *Despacho* Ceremony

This ceremony was inspired by the Ijolli Project, dedicated to the preservation of the Janindu Natural Reserve and its headwaters in Colombia. The medicines and sacred geometry in the *despacho* have been combined and designed to bring love, purification and healing to all of our sacred waters around the earth, honoring them with our reverence and loving care.

I. *Despacho* Supplies & Ingredients

A. Consecration ingredients

1. Manta or sacred cloth to wrap the *despacho* (not included in kit)
2. *Despacho* paper (approx. 18" x 18")
3. Natural wool or alpaca yarn (approx. 1 yard)
4. Blue corn meal, loose tobacco, small crystal and three bay leaves
5. Rose perfumed water
6. Scalloped shell (symbolic of the fertile and living womb of creation)
7. Small amount of butter or any kind of animal fat (represents the richness of life that we offer to the Unseen Beings)
8. Bell if you have one

B. Buffalo fur – for the *Tirakuna*, represents the generosity of water to sustain life, and all the animals who depend on clean water

C. Flower petal blend – for the *Awkikuna*, represents the plant Queendom that depends on water for live

D. Quartz crystal chips – for the *Malkikuna*, represents the clarity of water

E. Wooden beads – for the *Machula Awlanchis*, represent water's relationship to our Standing Ones and human beings

F. 12 bay leaves – for prayers for our waters (see instructions)

G. Sea salt – honors our oceans

H. Sand – honors our lakes

I. Pebbles – honor our creeks, streams and rivers

J. Soil – honors our natural springs

K. "Blessing Waters" – any ritual waters from water ceremonies, or tap water

L. Shells - honor the swimmers and creatures that live in our waters

M. Seaweed flakes – honors all plant life that grow from our waters

N. Feathers – honor the winged ones who depend on our waters for survival

O. Spirulina powder – honors the building blocks of concentrated life force energy that our waters provide for humans and all life

P. Green clay – draws impurities from our waters

Q. Activated charcoal – filters and purifies our waters

R. Bentonite clay – draws impurities from our waters

S. Rose clay – draws impurities from our waters

T. Lavender – protects our waters

U. Rose hips – nourish the waters with our love

V. Mugwort – dreams in a renewed earth

- W. Heart seed paper – planting seeds that our waters may be protected for 7 generations to come (found on Etsy, or write a prayers on a piece of paper)
- X. Lotus/Geranium oil blend for healing
- Y. Rose petals – love for humanity
- Z. Fresh flowers

II. *Despacho* Consecration

- A. Place one drop of Florida water in the center of the *despacho* paper
- B. Create a cornmeal circle, approximately 12” in diameter, starting in the south, moving clockwise - represents the Divine Feminine
- C. Draw tobacco cross inside the cornmeal circle, starting from north to south, then east to west - represents the Divine Masculine
- D. *K'intu* ritual
 - 1. Hold the three bay leaves, forming a fleur de lis, between the pointer and middle fingers of your right hand, tips of leaves pointing up.
 - 2. Make three prayers (for yourself, for your community, and for the Earth), and blow those prayers into the *k'intu*.
 - 3. *If in a group, pass the *k'intu* clockwise by having the person to your left use their left index and middle fingers to take all three leaves out of your hand, and transfer them to their right index and middle fingers before blowing their prayers into it.
 - 4. Place the *k'intu* in the center of the paper with the tips of leaves pointing north.
- E. Place the shell in the center - represents the *Teqsimuyu*, sentient universe.
- F. Place animal fat inside the shell - most strong and dense medicine
- G. Place crystal inside the shell (represents the transparency of a purified soul that is able to walk this earth as a mirror of the Divine).

III. *Despacho* Creation - *be sure to breathe your prayers into each offering:

- A. Place the buffalo fur in the south where the tobacco and cornmeal meet
- B. Place the flower mixture in the west where the tobacco and cornmeal meet
- C. Place the quartz crystals in the north where the tobacco and cornmeal meet
- D. Place the wooden beads in the east where the tobacco and cornmeal meet
- E. Make four sets of three leaf *k'intus*, and breathe the following prayers into them, in the following order:
 - 1. The first *k'intu*:
 - a) The oceans of the world
 - b) Place the *k'intu* in the southwest direction of the *despacho*, on top of the cornmeal
 - 2. The second *k'intu*:
 - a) The lakes of the world
 - b) Place the *k'intu* in the northwest direction of the *despacho*, on top of the cornmeal
 - 3. The third *k'intu*:
 - a) The rivers, creeks and streams of the world
 - b) Place the *k'intu* in the northeast direction of the *despacho*, on top of the cornmeal

4. The fourth *k'intu*:
 - a) The springs of the world
 - b) Place *k'intu* in the southeast direction of the *despacho*, on top of the cornmeal
- F. Make a line with the sea salt (representing our oceans) from the center of the *despacho* in the SW direction out to the three leaf *k'intu*, ending in the center of the *k'intu*
- G. Make a line with the pebbles (representing our rivers) from the center of the *despacho* in the NW direction out to the three leaf *k'intu*, ending in the center of the *k'intu*
- H. Make a line with the sand (representing our lakes) from the center of the *despacho* in the NE direction out to the three leaf *k'intu*, ending in the center of the *k'intu*
- I. Make a line with the soil (representing our natural springs) from the center of the *despacho* in the SE direction out to the three leaf *k'intu*, ending in the center of the *k'intu*
- J. (You should now you have eight straight lines of offerings in the cardinal (tobacco) and inter-cardinal (salt, sand, pebbles, soil) directions of the *despacho*.)
- K. Breathe your prayers for cleansing and protection into the "Blessing Waters" and place a drop in the center of each three-leaf *k'intu* in the inter-cardinal directions and a drop in the shell in the center of the *despacho*
- L. Make a line with the shells (honoring the swimmers and creatures that live in our waters) on top of the tobacco line in the west
- M. Make a line with the seaweed flakes (honoring all plant life that grow from our waters) on top of the tobacco line in the west
- N. Make a line with the feathers (honoring the winged ones who depend on our waters for survival) on top of the tobacco line in the north
- O. Make a line with the spirulina powder (honoring the building blocks of concentrated life force energy that our waters provide for humans and all life) on top of the tobacco in the east
- P. Sprinkle the green clay (draws impurities from our waters) on top of the line of sea salt in the SW
- Q. Sprinkle the activated charcoal (filters and purifies our waters) on top of the line of pebbles in the NW
- R. Sprinkle the bentonite clay (draws impurities from our waters) on top of the line of sand in the NE
- S. Sprinkle the rose clay (draws impurities from our waters) on top of the line of soil in the SE
- T. Make a circle with the lavender about an inch inside of the cornmeal circle, starting in the west
- U. Make another circle with the rose hips about an inch inside of the lavender circle, starting in the west
- V. Make another circle with the mugwort about an inch inside of the rose hips circle, starting in the west
- W. Place the heart seed paper on top of the shell
- X. Place a drop of the lotus/geranium oil blend on the heart seed paper
- Y. Cover with fresh flowers (if included)

IV. *Despacho* Completion

- A. Offer a small amount of the ritual waters to the *despacho*.
- B. Offer your final prayers for our wate into the *despacho* and ring a bell over the it
- C. Lift the top and bottom sides of the *despacho* paper, then the left and right sides to slide all of the offerings into a small pile in the center of the paper.
- D. Gently fold the top third of the paper down and the bottom third up, then the left third to the right and the right third to the left, inserting the right side into the left side.
- E. Tie it with the red string or ribbon like a present.
- F. If you wish, add flowers, herbs or other embellishments to the outside of the *despacho* to beautify it.
- G. Bundle it in your *despacho* manta or special cloth.
- H. Perform healing transmissions with the *despacho* to your crown (or brow), heart and belly.

V. Offering the *Despacho*

- A. If possible, offer this *despacho* to a flowing body of water, offering medicine songs or music while you do so. Alternatively:
- B. Carry the *despacho* to burial place and remove the cloth.
 - 1. Offer your final prayers into the *despacho*.
 - 2. Offer medicine songs or music while *despacho* is buried.