## Student Examples

Sample preparation and analysis for round 1:

| Brown melanin | Yellow melanin | Feathers | Scales | Hair | Cuticle/ exoskeleton | Structural coloration |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Added 10 grams of protein powder after Procedure Step \#7 | Added 5 drops of yellow food coloring after Step \#10 | Added 52 <br> feathers of different sizes and colors to the sample after Step \#15. Feathers were stuck into sample at an angle. | Added 30 nails of close to the same size after Step \#15 | Added 2-53cm long thin plastic strands after Step \#15 | Added a $2^{\text {nd }}$ surface layer of a 30 ml cured solution that was created with 15 g of corn starch, 60 ml of water, 5 ml of vinegar, 10 ml of glycerin | Added 1 g of green glitter after Step \#10 |

Sample preparation and analysis for rounds 2 and 3:

| Brown Melanin | Yellow Melanin | Feathers | Scales | Hair | Cuticle/ <br> Exoskeleton | Structural Coloration |
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| Sample 2 <br> Added 5 grams of protein powder after Step \#7 | Sample 2 Added 3 drops of yellow food coloring after Step \#10 | Sample 2 <br> Added 36 blue feathers that were close to the same size to the sample after Step \#15. Feathers were stuck into sample at an angle. | Sample 2 <br> Added 50 nails that were different sizes after Step \#15 in an overlapping pattern | Sample 2 <br> Added 80-1.3 <br> cm long thin <br> plastic strands <br> after Step \#15 <br> in a <br> unified/spaced <br> out pattern. | Sample 2 <br> Added a $2^{\text {nd }}$ surface layer of a 30 mL cured solution that was created with 15 g of corn starch, 60 mL of water, 5 mL of vinegar, 5 mL of glycerin | Sample 2 <br> Added 1 gram of green glitter after Procedure step \#15 |
| Sample 3 Added 8 grams of protein powder after Step \#7 | Sample 3 Added 8 drops of yellow food coloring after Step \#10 | Sample 3 <br> Added 18 green feathers that were close to the same size to the sample after Step \#15. Feathers were stuck into sample at an angle. | Sample 3 <br> Added 19 nails that were bigger (then previously used) but were different sizes side by side after step \#15 | Sample 3 <br> Added $35-5 \mathrm{~cm}$ long thin plastic strands after Step \#15 in a unified/spaced out pattern. | Sample 3 <br> Added a $2^{\text {nd }}$ surface layer of a 30 mL cured solution that was created with 10 g of corn starch, 60 mL of water, 5 mL of vinegar, 10 mL of glycerin | Sample 3 Added 2 gram of green glitter after step \#15 |

Structural coloration found in butterflies and certain beetles - using glitter


Melanin pigment - using protein powder


Pigment - using yellow food coloring


Scales - found in reptiles and fish using acrylic nails


Exoskeleton - cuticle using the bio-plastic matrix


Hair found mammals - using plastic thread


Feathers


All Samples


