



# Ayni Despacho Ceremony

Gratitude to the Q'ero teachers who shared this tradition

## You will need:

White paper, at least 3'x3'

Twine or yarn

Flowers, seeds, candy, sugar, and other symbolic offerings (It's recommended to use whole, unbroken pieces, petals, etc., and to be considerate of the effect on animals if dispatching by water or earth.)

Florida water, rose water, &/or spirits

Bay leaves or leaves of a similar size & shape\*

*\*Some leaves are toxic if burned - check before using*



Open sacred space.

Fold and crease the paper into nine equal squares, then unfold with the right side of the paper down.

Use the center square to make layers of prayerful offerings representing the elements, land, oceans, stars, animals, plants, ancestors, and any other beings you'd like to honor. Take your time, be mindful, and try to make your mandala beautiful.

The spirits/florida water can be sprinkled on the offerings once or twice throughout, then offered to the earth.

Use three bay leaves and two contrasting flower petals to make each *kintu*, to carry specific personal prayers and blessings.

Fold your despacho along the creases and use the yarn to tie it like a present. Add one *kintu* to the outside as a prayer that your offerings will be received well.

Close sacred space.

Dispatch your offering within a few days by placing it in a river or ocean, burying it, or burning it in a fire ceremony. Turning your back (if safe) to the fire is a sign of respect and non-attachment.