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If you wanted a tattoo, but didn't (1) anything permanent, what would you use? For thousands of years, people all over the world have used a substance called 'henna' for this purpose. A (2) natural product, henna is made from the red leaves of the henna plant, which is actually rather like the tea plant. The leaves are picked, dried out and made into a powder. If you mix this with water, it makes a sort of ink, which you can then paint onto your skin. The patterns last for around two to three weeks, depending (3) how long you leave them.

The Indian word for henna is 'Mehndi' and this is also the name for the traditional art of henna painting or henna tattoos in India. People usually apply 'Mehndi' to women's hands and feet, especially before a wedding. This tradition dates back to the twelfth century in India. In the days of arranged marriages, the henna ceremony was an acceptable way for a couple to meet (4)..... . As the bride and groom waited for the henna patterns to dry on the woman's body (for between two and twelve hours!), they were able to talk about their future together.

However, henna has not only been used to create temporary body art. Over the centuries, people have used it to dye their hair (apparently Cleopatra used to do this) and colour their fingernails, (5)..... . What's more, because people thought henna had a cooling effect on the body, they often painted it on the palms of their hands and soles of their feet in hot weather. Even celebrities such as Madonna and Naomi Campbell used henna.

1. wanted/would/work/want
2. completely/extremely/absolute/complete
3. of/in/with/on
4. each other/ones another/them/themselves
5. though/too/also/instead