

NATURAL DYEING GUIDELINES

Dyeing with Textile Indie

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FOR A BASIC EXTRACTING DYE PROCESS DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Chop, cut, break up or otherwise turn your dye material into small pieces.
- Place dye material in a pot and cover with boiling water. Put pot on a stove or other heat source and simmer for about an hour. Add more boiling water if it begins to get low.
- Remove the pot from the heat and allow to sit for another hour.
- Strain the dye liquid through a sieve or cheesecloth to remove all dye material debris.
- Pour the strained dye liquid back into the pot and place back on heat source.

BASIC DYEING PROCESS:

- Add mordanted fiber, yarn or fabric to the dye bath (the fiber material should be wet if it's not, soak in water and then wring it out before adding to the dye bath).
- Add water to the dye bath until the material is fully submerged.
- Stir.
- Simmer the dye bath for one hour.
- Removing the pot from the heat allow to cool.
- Remove the dye material and rinse with cool water until the water runs clear.
- Squeeze out excess water. Fabrics can go into a spin cycle in a washing machine, or be hand rung. Wring out yarn to remove as much water as possible. For fiber squeeze out as much water as possible.
- Hang the dye material so that it is well ventilated and allow to fully dry.