

Natural Dying of Yarn & Cloth

Suggested Materials List

Instructor: Jan Thomas

This 4 week class will take you through all of the steps in the selection and preparation of locally-harvested plant materials for the dying of yarn and cloth. We will learn to identify the right dye plants and safely mordant them. We will make 4 to 6 types of dye vats including Indigo. Everyone will go home with several ready to use yarns or yardage, as well as dye baths & instructions to use later. Although this is a beginner course, all are welcome. Students will bring their own fiber or cloth to dye (see material list). Quilters are welcome too.

Yarn: Either buy commercial yarn or bring your own hand-spun white yarn. **No synthetic content please**. White fiber such as wool, alpaca, cotton, silk or a blend is acceptable. You will need at least eight ¼ ounce skeins. Bring the full balls or skeins to first night of class and we will divide them into the needed weights.

If you are buying commercial yarn – please read the label and make sure it is **NOT superwash** and that it is 100% wool, cotton, silk or a blend.

Quilters bring light-weight white wool, cotton, silk cloth or combination. **No synthetic content please**. Also your cloth needs to be washed in hot water/soap prior to use in order to remove any sizing.

Everyone may want to bring small items to dye if we have extra dye bath (hankies, wooden buttons, small cotton bags, silk scarves etc.)

Bring a 3-ring binder/paper or bound journal or sketch book if you wish to start your own Dye Recipe Book.

FIRST NIGHT – everyone please bring a paper lunch bag full of freshly picked colorful flowers or “weeds.”

Any questions – give me a call 804-387-7654. Jan