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Natural Dyes

Historically, indigo was a natural dye extracted from plants, and this process was important economically because blue dyes were once rare. In the early 21st century, the market for natural dyes in the fashion industry is experiencing a resurgence. Mordanting can not fix fugitive sources to fibres.

Let's Talk Natural Dyes: What They Are, Why We Need Them, And How They Compare To Synthetics

Various plant materials were used including all portions of nut trees.

Why I use Earth

In short, home dyers used any plants they could lay their hands on that would give a good color. The dyestuff has similarly good dyeing properties for paper pulp red.

Guide to Natural Dyes — Natural Dyes

A slasher dyeing machine in action.

Practical Primitive

The primary use for indigo is as a dye for cotton yarn, which is mainly for the production of denim cloth for blue jeans.

Natural Dyes

So what are you waiting for? Our general philosophy is to work with dyes in their raw form.

Advice for Natural Dyestuffs on Cotton

In addition, a number of non-metal salt substances can be used to assist with the molecular bonding of natural dyes to natural fibres - either on their

own, or in combination with metal salt mordants - including from , 'pseudo-tannins', such as plant-derived oxalic acid, and from stale. Synthetic Dyeing: for Spinners, Weavers, Knitters and Embroiderers. Early synthetic dyes gave bright colors without lengthy fixing, but they were unstable.

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