

Dyeing the New Cotton

Duration: 1 day

Cost: \$600.00 plus travel expenses

Materials fee: \$30.00 Includes handouts, fiber, yarn, fabric, dyestuffs, fabric manipulation toys

Level: Beginner

Class size limit: 12

Facility Requirements: 1 table per 2 students, access to water and electricity. I will need two extra tables for display and class materials.

Synopsis

A new cotton that has been treated to attract and hold dyes without the addition of extra chemicals is now available to fiber artists. We will dye fiber, yarn, and fabric with acid, direct, fiber reactive, and natural dyes to explore the possibilities of this new cotton.

Learning Objectives

1. Understand cotton structure and aversion to dye
2. Understand the purpose of scouring and mordanting
3. Understand dye classes
4. Explore color retention of dye classes on the new cotton

Students should bring

Apron
Gloves
Note paper
Enthusiasm

Guild/Group should supply

Facility with tables and chairs for the students
Access to water and electricity, prefer easy access to hot tap water
Two extra tables for instructor display and workspace