

Workshop Title: The Perpetual Indigo Vat

Duration: 1 day
Cost: \$350 (half day) or \$650.00 (full day) plus travel expenses
Materials fee: \$10.00 Includes handouts, indigo and auxiliaries
Level: Beginner
Class size limit: 12

Synopsis

The lecture portion will cover safety considerations, historical overview, design techniques, and vat chemistry for both protein and cellulosic fibers.

The hands-on portion will cover making and maintaining the vat and shibori techniques including tied, clamped, and stitched resists for fabric.

We will create both vats, but will work with cotton. Students may bring scoured wool skeins for the protein vat.

Learning Objectives

Learn how indigo is used around the world
Learn shibori techniques to manipulate fabric to resist dye
Learn how to dye indigo on fabric
Learn how to maintain an indigo vat for protein or for cellulose

Students should bring

Rubber and latex gloves-- the longer, the better
An apron dedicated to dyeing
Wear old clothes and shoes!
Needles and very strong thread (optional; I will bring some but it's nice to have extra)
Plastic bag for carrying wet work home
1 skein of either protein or cellulosic yarn, not to exceed 8 ounces

Facility should supply

Water
Electricity
Table & chairs

Instructor will supply

Scouring chemicals
Indigo & auxiliaries
pH paper
cotton fabric squares
Plastic 5-gallon bucket
Plastic buckets for rinsing
Clothesline or drying rack
Shibori Toybox

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