

Weave Until you Dye

Duration: 2-3 days

Cost: \$600 per day plus travel expenses

Materials fee: \$30.00 Includes handouts, 10/2 and 5/2 weft yarn, natural & synthetic dyestuffs

Level: Intermediate weaving, novice dyeing

Class size limit: 12

Space Requirements: Room for 12 looms, tables and chairs for 12 students. I will need two extra tables for display and class materials. Electricity, digital projector, easy access to water.

Synopsis

Weave a fabric for an exercise in differential dyeing. You will choose your own weave structure and warp your loom with cellulosic yarns of any color. After weaving samples with Dye-Lishus® cotton 10/2 or 5/2 yarn provided, we will wash and dye the fabric in immersion, shibori, tie-dye, or whatever technique you choose. The weft will take the color.

Learning Objectives

1. Learn dye kitchen safety
2. Learn dye techniques from simple to complex
3. Learn some rules of thumb about dyes
4. Explore the properties of a newly available pre-mordanted cotton
5. Explore some weave structures for use of this cotton in both warp and weft
6. Explore the possibilities for reducing time, energy, water in dyeing handwovens

Students should bring

Warped loom, with 10/2 or 5/2 weft, sett for weave structure of your choice

All accessories need for weaving (shuttles, bobbins, bobbin winder, etc)

Apron & gloves

Enthusiasm

Guild/Group should supply

Facility with electricity, access to water, digital projector

Facility with tables and chairs for the students

Two extra tables for instructor display and workspace