



OSAGE ORANGE SHAVINGS Natural Dye

ORIGIN	<p>Osage natural dye is made from the heartwood of a tree native to North America. Our Osage is made from the recycled sawdust of American artisan woodworkers.</p> <p>The natural dye molecule that gives Osage Orange dye its beautiful yellow is exactly the same as that of Fusticwood, it just requires more dyestuff to get a similarly deep color.</p>
FIBERS	<p>Dyes brilliantly on all natural fibers.</p>
FASTNESS	<p>Excellent fastness to light, good fastness to washing.</p>
HOW MUCH TO USE	<p>Use 12% to 50% per weight of wool (depending on desired intensity)</p> <p>Use 50% - 100% per weight of silk, hemp, or cotton (depending on desired intensity)</p>
MORDANTS /FIXERS/ ASSISTS	<p>Alum gives yellow and Tin gives “aurora”. Both Copper and Iron give a soft green and can be used after to modify the color.</p> <p>Osage is also a “substantive dye”, meaning you can dye a permanent color without using <i>any</i> mordant/fixer! We call this color “therapeutic yellow”. It is not quite as permanent as colors produced with a fixer, but it will stay bright for many years.</p>
HOW TO EXTRACT	<p>Soak overnight. Add water three times the volume of the shavings. Bring to a boil and boil for 20 minutes. Strain and save the liquid. Continue to re-boil the dyestuff with more water and add this liquid to the dyebath. Repeat up to five times until there is no additional dye being extracted.</p>
HOW TO DYE	<p>Add your fiber to the dyepot and allow one hour for the deepest colors.</p>
DISPOSAL	<p>The dyebath does not keep well for more than a week, so make sure to use up quickly before disposing of it.</p> <p>Add the spent dyestuff to your compost bin or spread around the base of plants.</p>
CARE	<p>Handwash, use a mild soap such as Dr. Bronner’s. For reds, wash separately the first few washes as there may be some bleeding. <u>Do not soak.</u></p>

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