

WELD Natural Dye

ORIGIN	Weld natural dye is made from the flowering stalk of a weed. Our weld is farmed in Turkey.
FIBERS	Dyes brilliantly on protein fibers such as silk and wool.
	Cellulose fibers such as cotton and hemp require more dyestuff.
FASTNESS	Excellent fastness to light and washing. Weld is the fastest yellow natural dye.
HOW MUCH TO USE	Use 25% - 40% per weight of silk or wool (depending on desired intensity)
	Use 100% - 200% per weight of hemp or cotton (depending on desired intensity)
MORDANTS /FIXERS/	Alum gives sunshine yellow, Tin gives clear yellow, and Copper gives chartreuse. Iron is used after to modify the color to a sage green.
ASSISTS	Add Chalk to the dyebath for a deeper color.
HOW TO EXTRACT	Soak overnight. Add water three times the volume of the roots. Boil once, for only 20 minutes. Strain.
HOW TO DYE	Add your fiber to the dyepot and allow one hour for the deepest colors.
DISPOSAL	The dyebath does not keep well, and rarely has enough color to make worthwhile re-using, so dispose of it directly after your dyework.
	Add the spent dyestuff to your compost bin or spread around the base of plants.
CARE	Handwash, use a mild soap such as Dr. Bronner's. <u>Do not soak</u> .

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