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Web Sites We Like

[Making Dyes Naturally](#)

Local artisans helped these Texas 6th graders learn the process of using native plants to make dyes. Using their lesson plan, you can explore dye plants in your own schoolyard. Their project is documented on the site in QuickTime video.

[A Lesson to Dye For](#)

A series of excellent investigations and teaching strategies that integrate science, history, and art.

[Natural Dyes from Plants](#)

Lessons that explore dye plants used by Native Americans and English settlers. Features a great resource list and dyeing advice.

[Native Dye Plants of the United States](#)

Historical background for teachers or older students.

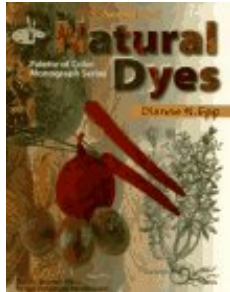
[Chromatography of Schoolyard Vegetation](#)

Features an inquiry-based investigation of the pigments found in plants.

[Matching Game: Natural Dyes and Porcupine Quills](#)

An interactive site where students learn about some natural dye plants while trying to match them with colored images of dyed quills.

Favorite Books and Classroom Dye Kit



[Chemistry of Natural Dyes](#)

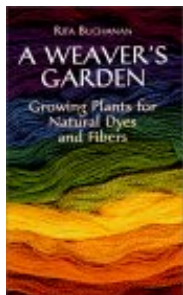
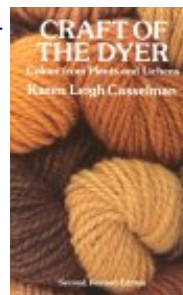
by Dianne N. Epp

Full of explorations into the chemistry of dyeing, for novice and expert dyers alike. (Ages 12-adult)

[Craft of the Dyer](#)

by Karen Leigh Casselman

Many recipes for dyes from plants and lichens are detailed in this easy-to-read book. The only thing missing is color photos. (Ages 12-adult)



[A Weaver's Garden](#)

by Rita Buchanan

Tried-and-true techniques and methods for extracting color from plants presented by a well-respected expert. (Ages 12-adult)

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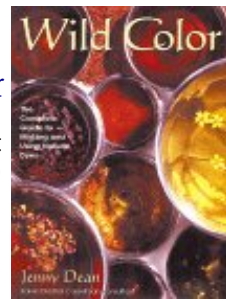
[Lessons to Dye For](#)

New for Teachers!

[Wild Color](#)

by Jenny Dean

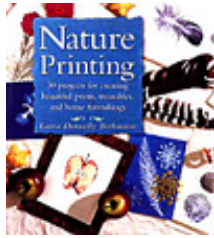
A wonderful, well-organized book for beginning dyers, with color photos of the different colors obtained with different mordants. (Ages 12-adult)



[Nature Printing](#)

by Laura Donnelly Bethmann

Use ideas and instructions from this book to help kids create cards, quilts, journals, wall hangings, and other projects by printing with objects from nature. (Ages 12-adult)



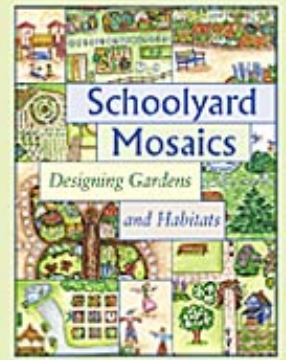
[Plant-based Dye Kit \(Members save 10%\)](#)

Kit includes seed packets for 5 dye plants in a rainbow of colors, fabric swatches, white cotton napkins, 1 lb of alum, and our booklet, *Living Color*, which includes the history of dyeing, and a color poster of dye plants with cultural and how-to dye information. Use our Dye Kit to explore an ancient use of plants, design classroom investigations, and create original works of art.



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