

## **On-Line Course: Dye A Colour Library**

You will learn to how to use dyes to create a colour library that will support you in making accurate mixes for your textile work. You will be shown how to do this on plant and animal fibres using fibre reactive dyes. You can opt for acid dyes if you are dyeing protein fibres only.

You will be shown how to set up a home studio and to use it safely. Each month you will build up a different aspect of your library, developing and supporting your understanding of using dyes and mixing colours. You will not just dye around the colour wheel but across it to discover an amazing array of beautiful subtleties.

You will need dyes, auxiliaries and equipment, a detailed list will be sent out before the course begins. You can dye your library in a material that is suitable to your own work: fibre, yarns or fabric; wool, silk or cotton. You should use the same material throughout as different ones take the dye very differently. You will be dyeing 8g for each sample to make recipes easy and will need to prepare skeins or swatches. Keeping accurate records will be essential.

### **Course content**

1. You will be guided through setting up your home studio. You will be shown how to dye plant and animal fibres. You will be introduced to Depth of Shade and dye your primaries.
2. Dyeing your colour wheel
3. Dyeing the secondary colours
4. Dyeing the complementary colours
5. Dyeing the tertiary colours
6. Introducing tints and a greyscale
7. Toning and shading colours
8. Use your colour library to create a personal range for your project
9. Extending your collection of colours – Matching and Mixing
10. Scaling up dye recipes
11. Using your colours creatively on fibres, yarns and fabrics – Gradients and Random dyeing

This is an excellent opportunity to extend your colour work alongside your textile programme and other work.

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