

Deadly Arts

Yarning and Traditional Doll Making



Sun Dyeing

Materials

- Assorted plants and natural materials
- Small squares of cotton or silk fabric
- Empty glass jars and lids
- Labels
- Pen

Steps

1. Collect a selection of different plants and natural materials.
2. Slightly crush the materials.
3. Place the natural material and fabric scraps in to the jar.
4. Fill with warm water to within 2cm of the top.
5. Place the lid on the jar securely and label
6. Allow the jar to sit in the sun for about 2 weeks.
7. Strain the jars and allow the material to dry.

Deadly Arts

Yarning and Traditional Doll Making



Sun Dyeing with Alum

Materials

- Assorted plants and natural materials
- Small squares of cotton or silk fabric
- Alum for protection
- Gloves and masks
- Empty glass jars and lids
- Kettle
- Wooden or plastic spoon
- Teaspoon measurer
- Bucket
- Labels
- Pen

Steps

1. Collect a selection of different plants and natural materials.
2. Fill the jar 2/3rds full with the cooled alum and water mixture. See notes below
3. Wash and rinse the fabric scraps with detergent and warm water.
4. Add the natural material and fabric to the jar.
5. Close the lid and label the jar.
6. Place the jar in a sunny warm spot and leave for a few weeks.
7. Remove the fabric and rinse it well.
8. Leave the fabric to dry.

Safety

In a school setting arrange additional adult support when preparing the alum mixture. You will need ½ teaspoon of alum per jar mixed with boiling water. Stir the alum until it has dissolved.

Prepare the alum/water mixture ahead of time so it has cooled before it is poured into the jars.