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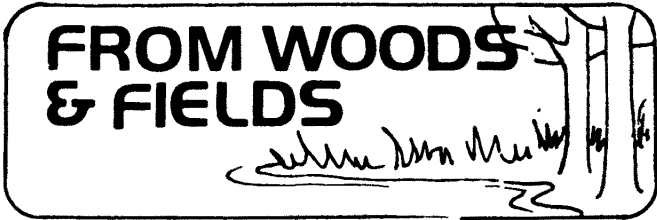
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Revised information on Craft Yarns of Rhode Island:

Craft Yarns of Rhode Island, Inc.
P.O. Box 151
Main Street
Harrisville, Rhode Island 02830

This company has discontinued all their weaving yarns and now carries the following: Persianpoint wool, Quikpoint wool, three sizes of jute, Macra-twist and Macra-line (macrame cord).

These yarns are available at near wholesale prices through Guild group orders.



The following chart represents the results of experiments with natural dyes sent to me by several of our fellow dyers. I not only enjoy seeing what you are doing, but I learn a great deal from your experiments. Since the dyeing season has begun, it is an appropriate time to share them with the rest of you. The dyes in this month's column were selected because they are a dye I suspect you might not have tried, or because, as in the case of goldenrod or onion, an unusual mordant was used. I appreciate all the samples sent, what better day brightener than to receive a patch of color in the mail?

Dyers vary in their record keeping philosophies; the information included here is what I received. The light tests were done by me on a few of the dyes last summer. I hope to do the rest this spring.

The most difficult problem in sharing dye results is in trying to get you to envision the same color that I see. Our color descriptions can vary not only because of education but also perhaps our actual perception of color may be different. Please accept my attempts!

Happying dyeing or as Barbara Haight inscribed in her lichen book to me, "dye happy!"

Connie Magoffin

name	part	mordant	color	fiber	fastness	amount dyestuff	amount fiber	extraction time	dyeing time	donor
spinach	leaves	alum tin copper chrome iron	very pale yellow-greens pale yellow	wool	poor rest-fair	1 1/4 lbs.	2 1/2 oz.	60 min.	60 min.	Suzette Bernard
leafy spurge	whole plant	alum in iron pot	lt. avocado	wool	?	1 grocery bag	5 oz.	5 hrs. (soaked overnight)	45 min.	Barbara Fritzberg (I got a wide range of yellow-golds and brasses with various mordants)
cultiva strawbe	? whole plant	alum	dusty rose	wool	?	2 lbs.	3 oz.	1 hr. (soaked overnight)	45 min.	Barbara Fritzberg

tea	leaves	alum tin copper chrome iron none	tan beige dull gold tan gray beige	wool	good	20 tea bags (1½ oz.)	7% oz.	1 hr. (soaked 2 hrs.)	30 min.	Suzette Bernard
buckthorn	leaves	alum	soft yellow green	mohair	poor	?	?	?	?	Laura Thompson (my experiments gave green and golds with other mordants, all fast except alum)
yellow sweet clover	whole plant	alum	soft beige	wool	?	½ grocery bag	4 Oz.	1½ hrs. (soaked overnight)	45 minutes	Barbara Fritzberg
coffee	ground	alum tin copper chrome iron none	lt. camel lt. camel tan deep gold gray tan lt. tan	wool	good good poor good good fair	1 lb.	8½ oz.	1 hr. (no soaking)	1 hr.	Suzette Bernard
cranberries	berry (frozen) copper	alum tin copper chrome iron	lt. beige dull yellow beige beige beige	wool	fair	8 oz.	2½ oz.	1 hr. (no soaking)	1 hr.	Suzette Bernard
dock	root	alum	deep rose-beige	mohair	good	?	?	?	?	Laura Thompson
goldenrod	flowers ?	sodium dichromate	deep bright gold	wool	?	½ bushel	?	?	?	Rosemary Olmsted (this is included because of unusual mordant)
purple iris	flower	alum tin copper chrome iron	yellow-green yellow-green lt. gray green-gold gray	wool	fair	1 cup	2½ oz.	1 hr. (soaked 3 hrs.)	1 hr.	Suzette Bernard (Bernes Adrian got the same results with alum)
onion	skin	tea (simmered 45 min. with wool as pre- mordant)	lt. yellow	wool	?	2 oz.	2 oz.	40 min. (no soaking)	40 min.	Sonja Carlson (note mordant, she tried lapsong Souchong, red zinger, and mint tea with same results)
onion	skin	mint tea tin as after mordant	lt. coral beige	wool	?	?	2 oz.	reused dyebath above	40 min.	Sonja Carlson
onion	skin	reused Lapsong Souchong tea, 40 min.	pink beige	wool	?	?	2 oz.	reused dyebath above	60 min.	Sonja Carlson
pine	new bud growth or baby pine- cones?	alum	soft pink	wool	fair	?	?	?	?	Bernes Adrian
rhubarb	seeds	copper	gold	wool	?	¾ lb.	5 oz.	3 hrs. (soaked overnight)	45 min.	Barbara Fritzberg