

Natural Dyeing: Indigo, Marigolds and other Alabama Plants

5 hours, up to 8 people, \$800

Join Aaron for a day spent coaxing color from beautiful Indigo, Marigolds and other Alabama plants like Black walnut and sumac.

We'll begin the day by exploring beautiful Alabama plants, like sumac, black walnut, and garden grown marigolds,, while discussing how to best harvest and prepare the plants for dyeing, as well as bundle dyeing techniques.

While the plants stew, we'll explore the process of creating beautiful shades of blue on natural fibers with Indigo. Aaron will also cover a series of resist techniques, with a focus on folded, tied and clamped resist, to create beautiful manual resist patterns on fabric. Using previously dyed (marigold/goldenrod) fabric, we'll create shades of green, and use resist techniques to create interesting layers of natural color.

We'll remove fabric from the dyepots at the end of the day for participants to take home. Participants will leave with naturally dyed fabric, indigo dyed fabric, fabric dyed with combinations of natural materials, bundle dyed fabric, and the knowledge to forage for future dyes.

Provided by Aaron

- Fabric for dyeing
- All indigo and shibori materials

Provided by Students

- High-sleeved rubber gloves, like dishwashing gloves
- Additional fabric for dyeing with indigo. Natural materials only, with cellulose fibers working best. Pre-wash in hot water before workshop. Bring lots!