Information Sheet: Dyeing

The Guild meets once a month on a Saturday afternoon at St Stephen’s, 48 Emperor’s Gate, London SW7 4HJ. As well as general information, news and a textile-related lecture there is a small library and a notice board.

We don’t run courses but there is a dyeing group which meets four times a year in the morning before the main meeting to discuss techniques, show work done, and swap information on suppliers, materials and any relevant exhibitions currently showing.

Workshops & Courses

The following are a few places in London or close to London, which run dyeing courses. There are other places round the country.

**The Handweavers Studio**
140 Seven Sisters Rd, London N7 7NS
Tel: 020 7272 1891
[www.handweavers.co.uk](http://www.handweavers.co.uk)
Courses run infrequently

**Mary Ward Centre**
42 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AQ
Tel: 020 7269 6000
[www.marywardcentre.ac.uk](http://www.marywardcentre.ac.uk)
Natural dyeing for textiles courses

**City Lit**
1-10 Keeley Street, London WC2B 4BA
Tel: 020 7831 7831
[www.citylit.ac.uk](http://www.citylit.ac.uk)
Textile courses on dyeing

**Morley College**
61 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7HT
[www.morleycollege.ac.uk](http://www.morleycollege.ac.uk)
Courses on natural dyeing and eco-dyeing. Courses very popular and sometimes difficult to get a place

**West Dean College**
West Dean, nr Chichester, PO18 0QZ
Tel: 01243 811301
[www.westdean.org.uk](http://www.westdean.org.uk)
Natural and indigo dyeing courses.

**Janet Phillips**
[http://www.janetphillips-weaving.co.uk](http://www.janetphillips-weaving.co.uk)
Courses in Somerset on dye subjects such as Dyeing with Acid and Fibre Reactive Dyes, Random Dyeing of Warps, Painting Warps, Shibori on the Loom

**DT Crafts**
[http://www.dtcrafts.co.uk/](http://www.dtcrafts.co.uk/)
Online supplier of natural and synthetic dyes, mordants, equipment, fibre and yarns

**George Weil**
[http://www.georgeweil.com](http://www.georgeweil.com)
Online supplier of natural and synthetic dyes, mordants, equipment and more

**Wild Colours Natural Dyes**
[http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/](http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/)
Tel: 07979 770865
Online supplier of natural dyes, mordants, dye plant seeds.

Suppliers

**P&M Woolcraft**
[https://www.pmwoolcraft.co.uk/](https://www.pmwoolcraft.co.uk/)
Online supplier of natural and synthetic dyes, mordants, equipment, dye plant seeds, fibre and yarns
Tel: 01908 510 277

**The Handweavers Studio**
140 Seven Sisters Rd, London N7 7NS Tel: 0207 272 1891
[www.handweavers.co.uk](http://www.handweavers.co.uk)
Supply natural and synthetic dyes, and equipment

**Saith Ffynnon Wildlife Plants**
Supplier of dye plants (seeds and plugplants) and books
[http://www.7wells.co.uk](http://www.7wells.co.uk)

**Suppliers**

[www.londonguildofweavers.org.uk](http://www.londonguildofweavers.org.uk)
Print Resources

Natural Dyes
Jenny Dean (1999)
*Wild Colour: How to grow, prepare and use natural plant dyes. Mitchell Beazley, London*

Dominique Cardon (2007)
*Natural Dyes: Sources, Tradition, Technology and Science*

Judy Hardman and Sally Pinhey (2009)
*Natural Dyes*

Chris McLaughlin (2014)
*A Garden to Dye For*

Jim Liles (1990)
*The Art and Craft of Natural Dyeing*

Linda Rudkin (2007)
*Natural Dyes*

Synthetic Dyes
Helen Deighan (2001)
*Dyeing in Plastic Bags*

Ashley Martineau (2014)
*Spinning and Dyeing Yarn*

Frances and Tony Tompson (1987)
*Synthetic Dyeing for spinners, knitters, weavers and embroiderers*
(This one is a classic, still relevant today and very cheap second hand online)

All kinds of dyeing
*The Journal for Weavers Spinners and Dyers*
quarterly publication

DVD
Michel Garcia films: The Natural Dye Workshop Series available from [https://www.rainbowsilks.co.uk](https://www.rainbowsilks.co.uk)

Online Resources

Turkey Red Journal
[www.turkeyredjournal.com](http://www.turkeyredjournal.com)
Online journal on all aspects of natural dyeing.

Jenny Dean’s Wild Colours
[Jenny Dean - Wild Colours](http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/)

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[http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/](http://www.wildcolours.co.uk/)
Teresinha Roberts’ website on natural dyes.

Maiwa
[https://maiwa.com/](https://maiwa.com/)
Canadian centre for natural dyeing and online store

Susan Dye’s blog
[http://www.naturesrainbow.co.uk/](http://www.naturesrainbow.co.uk/)
Focuses on natural dyeing

Isabella Whitworth’s blog
[https://isabellawhitworth.com/](https://isabellawhitworth.com/)
Textile artist, researcher into the history of dyes

Helen Melville’s blog
[http://www.fieryfelts.co.uk/](http://www.fieryfelts.co.uk/)
Feltmaker and natural dyer from North Wales

Rhiihivilla Blog
[http://riihivilla.blogspot.co.uk/](http://riihivilla.blogspot.co.uk/)
Finnish plant dyer’s blog. A rich resource

Carrie Sundra’s Blog
[https://alpenglowyarn.wordpress.com](https://alpenglowyarn.wordpress.com)