

SOLAR DYEING

Easy to do with your choice of dyes.

Materials:

Large glass jars with tops. Ask a local restaurant for their throw-aways!
Dye Material Cushings, Koolaid, Natural or whatever.

White Vinegar

Measuring Cup

Yarn, fleece or roving to dye. Will only work with animal fibers.

Boiling water

Plastic bags

Oven Mitts

Old clothes, rubber gloves, face mask, safety glasses as usual.

1. Get all your equipment together.
2. Pre-soak any wool yarn, fiber or roving to be dyed.
3. Dilute the dye [powder] or, if using natural dyes, prepare the extract.
4. Fill the jar 1/3 with boiling water and 1/2 cup vinegar.
5. Dye liquid may be added at this point or poured over the top of the fiber for a graduated color.
6. Put fiber/ yarn in the jar. Pack firmly. If you wish to create "resist" areas on yarn or roving, wrap area with plastic. Flagging tape or cut up plastic bags will work. * a **RESIST AREA** is where the dye can't get to. It will remain the original color.
7. Pour dye over top and fill to top with boiling water.
8. Place lid on.
9. Using your oven mitts, put jars outside in a location where the sun will shine on it most of the day.
10. At the end of the day, your fiber is ready.
11. Rinse in same temperature water and hang to dry.
If you use koolaid dyes, the water will be clear when the dye has been absorbed into the wool.

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