Indigo Dyeing

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Needs List

$20 materials fee includes the following:

* Indigo
* Mordants
* Use of shared items such as teaspoons, plastic, string, marbles etc

(A) Fabric Requirements

* At least 2m cotton/linen, or silk fabric. Pre washed and ironed.
* Optional – small garments such as tshirts, doileys, small towels or tea towels. These can be dyed at the end of the day if there is still colour left in the vats.
* I have put down 2 metres of fabric but basically you can keep going till the indigo runs out of colour. If you want to do some of the folding and stitching of samples beforehand, (this is optional) this book has lots of patterns to try.

Shibori: The Inventive Art of Japanese Shaped Resist Dyeing. By Yoshiko Iwamoto Wada , Mary Kellogg Rice and Jane Barton.

(B) General Requirements

* Strong thread such as Buttonhole thread or crochet cotton
* Chenille needles (or some type of needle suitable for the thread)
* Rubber gloves and apron
* 10 clothes Pegs (labelled with your initials)
* Cheap string (bargain shop plastic coloured string is good)
* Fabric scissors
* Plastic bags to take wet stuff home
* Plastic woodwork clamps
* Small blocks of wood or Perspex (approximately 2” square) - no custom wood as it swells up
* A bucket for rinsing fabric.

