

# Dyeing with Dried Indigo Leaves

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Add 50 grams dried Japanese Indigo leaves to 1 gallon water. Heat water and simmer for 20 minutes. Pour off water.

Add 1 gallon fresh water to wet leaves. Mix in  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon lime and 1 teaspoon Thiorea dioxide.

Simmer for 30 minutes. Strain and save water. Repeat by adding 1 gallon water, lime and Thiorea dioxide to wet leaves. Simmer for 30 minutes. Save water and repeat once more.

Combine all indigo water and use this dye bath right away.

Fibers do not need to be mordanted but should be pre-soaked in water before dyeing.

Fibers will not turn blue until exposed to oxygen after being removed from bath.

Expect Aqua and light blue colors, or various greens if overdyeing yellow fibers.