

Glossary

Cellulose Fibers	Any fiber that is derived from a plant source, i.e. cotton, linen
Colorfastness	Ability of fiber to hold color after dyeing over time and use
Dye Bath	Color suspended in water and ready to use
Exhaust Bath	Bath that has been used once and may yield additional color
Fugitive Color	Dyed color that will not last. See Stains
Historical Dyes	Dyes used for centuries and exhibit good color and lightfastness
Lightfastness	Ability of fiber to hold color after dyeing when subjected to light and sun
Modifier	Used to adjust color after dyeing fibers. Examples include iron, copper, acidic or alkaline bath
Mordant	Bath used prior to dying increase bond between color and fiber. Can also influence final dye color. Examples include alum, iron, copper, soy
Protein Fibers	Any fiber that originates from an animal source, i.e. silk, wool, fleece
Stain	A stain is usually derived from a food or berry, i.e. spinach or raspberry, and is fugitive, so will not last.
Tinctoria	Species name for many historical dye plants