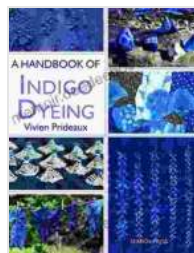


Handbook of Indigo Dyeing, Re-Issue: A Comprehensive Guide to the Art and Science of Natural Indigo Dyeing

Indigo dyeing, with its vibrant hues and rich cultural heritage, has captivated artisans and textile enthusiasts for centuries. Initially derived from plants in the Indigofera genus, indigo is a versatile dye that offers a remarkable range of blue shades. This definitive handbook, originally published in 2004 and now re-issued in an updated edition, provides a comprehensive guide to the art and science of indigo dyeing.

Indispensable for both novice and experienced dyers, this handbook provides a thorough examination of indigo dyeing techniques. From the preparation of indigo vats to the dyeing process itself, author Jenny Dean unravels the intricacies of this ancient craft.

Through step-by-step instructions and detailed explanations, the book covers various methods of dyeing, including cold-bath, warm-bath, and shibori. It also explores the use of different mordants, which alter the color and fastness of the dye.



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Handbook of Indigo Dyeing delves into the fascinating history and cultural significance of indigo. The book traces the journey of indigo, from its origins in the Indian subcontinent to its widespread adoption across the globe. It highlights the role of indigo in trade, textiles, and art throughout different periods and cultures.

In addition to its practical guidance, the handbook explores the scientific principles underlying indigo dyeing. It delves into the chemistry of indigo and its interactions with various fibers. Understanding these principles enables dyers to fine-tune their techniques and achieve the desired results.

The book includes comprehensive appendices that serve as valuable resources for dyers of all levels. These appendices provide detailed information on:

- Natural indigo plants and their cultivation
- Natural and synthetic indigo sources
- Mordants and their properties
- Troubleshooting common dyeing problems
- Historical recipes for indigo dyeing

Handbook of Indigo Dyeing features a wealth of stunning photography and illustrations that enhance the learning experience. The book showcases a diverse range of indigo-dyed textiles, from traditional Japanese shibori to contemporary pieces by renowned artists.

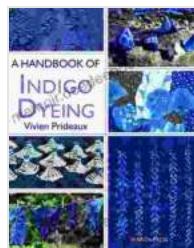
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Handbook of Indigo Dyeing, Re-Issue is an indispensable companion for anyone interested in the art of indigo dyeing. With its comprehensive coverage, practical guidance, and stunning visuals, this book empowers dyers to delve into this ancient craft and create beautiful textiles with the vibrant hues of indigo.

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