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ECO DYEING AND PRINTING

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Ever Since....Nature and Colours

Since time immemorial colour has played a significant role in human lives. It is an expression of culture and is a lot more important than we realize. Until the dyes were derived from nature, through herbs, plants, vegetables, flowers, seeds, nuts, berries, barks and roots. Natural dyeing is an age-old practice and has of late gained attention from the health and environment perspective.

What is Eco Dyeing or Printing?

Eco Dyeing or Printing is a form of natural dyeing, a method of bundling leaves and other plants on fabric with the help of steaming or boiling. We can explore using different types of flowers and leaves to create different colors and imprints. The first time I tried eco dyeing and printing, I used turmeric and onion peels. It is a very slow process, but that's the beauty of it, to just learn to slow down and experience the therapeutic journey.

Eco dyeing or prints can never be the same, every time you print, you will end up getting different prints and colors and diverse experience too.



Eco Dyeing and Printing at home

Go for a walk and see what you can find to make your natural dye.

Try with your favorite leaves and flowers that have strong pigmentation; it's all about experimenting and learning how different plants react to different fibers.



Eco Dyeing with Marigold flowers

Choose your fabric of white or pastel colors of organic cotton, eco friendly silk or wool. Rinse the piece of fabric in clean water, squeeze out the excess water and place it on a clean and dry basket.

Take all flowers (fresh or dried marigold flowers) in a pot with water (the dye pot, should not be something you use for cooking, should stay just below the boiling point) and bring the water to a boil and turn it down to simmer for an hour before straining it.

You can solar dye the fabric by soaking along with the flower solution and just leave them under the sun for 24 hours-48 hours.

Wash each piece separately in cool water.

Remove and hang your colored fabric to dry (avoid direct sunlight)



Eco Printing with flowers and leaves

Choose your fabric of white or pastel colors of organic cotton, or eco friendly silk. Rinse the piece of fabric in clean water, squeeze out the excess water and place it on a clean and dry clean surface. Sprinkle petals and leaves onto half of the fabric and fold the fabric twice, take a wooden stick and roll the fabric tightly around it before tying with the string. Steam the bundles for 30-45 minutes on medium heat for standard shade and over 1 hour for darker shade. Ensure that you turn the bundles couple of times during the steaming process. Lay your eco printed bundles on a flat clean surface and let it cool for 20-30 minutes.

Remove the strings and roll out the fabric on a clean surface. Remove petals and wash each piece separately in cool water. Hang your colored fabric to dry (avoid direct sunlight)



Natural Dyed Creations

Give a new look to your old white or pastel colour duppatta or stole.

Make a hand dyed table runner with natural colour.

The years old pastel colour bedsheets can be braided into mats.

Surprise your friends and family with the turmeric dyed table mats.



Care for Naturally Dyed Fabric

- Cold wash on a delicate cycle or handwash preferably with soapnuts or a mild detergent.
- Wash separately and tumble dry on low or hang to dry in shade.
- Warm iron inside out.
- Do not use bleach or dry clean.
- Natural dyes may fade gently over time or in direct sunlight.

Organo Et School

Organo Et School is the brainchild of team Organo. Organo was founded on the idea of environmentally conscious living and Organo Et School translates that idea into reality by educating and empowering schools, colleges, organizations and communities on the triple bottom line of sustainability. Organo et School aims at engaging students of today to stay connected with nature through workshops, live sessions and site visits.



Leading the change

We create an experiential learning environment for people.

Organo Et School educates people about the challenges of sustainable development and creates opportunities for them to use their creativity and knowledge to pioneer innovative solutions for themselves.

Learners develop a sense of place and belonging to their local community.

**NURTURING A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS
WHERE INCLUSIVE HOLISTIC ECO-LIVING IS CELEBRATED**

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