



Plants We Dye With



Red and Pink: Twigs of Rubia Cordifolia (Manjistha / Indian Madder – not the root!)



Yellow (1): Nuts of Terminalia Chebula (Black Myrobalan / Harda) – also a natural mordant!



Blue: Leaves of Indigofera Tinctoria

Orange

Mixing of Rubia Cordifolia and Terminalia Chebula

Green

Mixing of Terminalia Chebula and Indigofera Tinctoria



Khaki: Rind of Pomegranate fruit (Punica Granatum / Anar)



Brown: Bark of Indian gum Arabic tree (Acacia Arabica / Cutch)



Purple: Secretion of Lac insect (Lacifer lacca)



Yellow (2): Heartwood of Jackfruit tree (Artocarpus Heterophyllus)



Yellow (3): Flower of Marigold (Tagetes Erecta Linn)



Red (2): Heartwood of Sappan tree (Caesalpinia Sappan)

Today, in our opinion, only natural dyes, without added chemicals, are truly eco-friendly. At TCoN we take great care to ensure that crops are sustainably raised and harvested, i.e. that no pesticides, herbicides, or defoliants are used on the crop and that the crop is not genetically modified or unsustainably irrigated. We know our suppliers well, thus avoiding indigo cakes that have been adulterated or any other addition of toxic chemicals. None of our additional raw materials are toxic, all are bio-degradable. We are GOTS certified via Quality Fibres and are one of maybe two companies in India who don't use Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) or the more polluting Sodium Hydrosulphite (cheaper as less dips are needed) for our natural indigo fermentation process.

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