



INDIGO + BOTANICAL PRINT WORKSHOP

CASEY NEWMAN

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1-2, 2019

10AM – 4PM

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact

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CLASS LEVEL - ALL

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

In this 2-day workshop you will learn to create and use an indigo dye vat, unlocking the mysteries of this pigment that has been used throughout the world for centuries, as well as the art of botanical printing.

On the first day you will learn various ways of creating an indigo vat and will explore the art of shibori dyeing. Shibori is a Japanese technique of creating patterns by folding, using objects as resists and even stitching. There are infinite ways to manipulate fabric to create beautiful, unique designs and everything necessary to try out numerous techniques will be provided. You will be provided two 28 inch dish towels and a cotton tote bag to dye.

On the second day, we will add to our indigo-dyeing skills by combining indigo dye with botanical printing. You will learn to create permanent leaf prints on silk fabric using only the natural pigments in the leaves themselves. We will explore several botanical printing techniques and ways of combining the leaf prints and indigo to achieve different results. You will receive two 11 x 60 inch silk scarves to dye using different methods, as well as a similarly sized length of cotton fabric.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Dyeing is messy – dress appropriately and bring rubber gloves!**
- **You are welcome to bring additional small, light colored items to dye.** Yarn, fabric, and finished garments can all be dyed. The dye vat is best suited for items the size of t-shirts or pillowcase and smaller. (Larger items such as fabric yardage, curtains, etc. can be dyed using shibori techniques resulting in a blue and white pattern. If desiring a solid blue outcome, it will be challenging with the size of vat we will be using.) Natural fibers (cotton, silk, wool, linen) work best but blends with a small amount of polyester or nylon usually dye well. This is completely optional and items do not have to be new! Dyeing used goods with indigo is a great way to give new life to items that are dingy or stained. Don't be shy - there will be plenty of dye!

SUPPLY LIST

This is an all-inclusive class. Everything you need will be provided.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation must be made **45 days** prior to the first day of class for a refund, less a \$25 non-refundable registration deposit. Cancellation less than 45 days before the first day of class forfeits all registration monies paid. On occasion, Stitchin' Post will cancel a class due to lack of registration. If Stitchin' Post cancels this class, you may take a store credit or a refund. To minimize the chance that you will purchase your fabrics and supplies prior to a class that could cancel, we recommend that you call to confirm that the class has met its minimum enrollment and will go on as scheduled. Our recommendation is that you make class purchases within 45 days of the class start date.

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