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Dyeing from natural sources is totally appealing. Now to find the right plot of ground and try to establish a few dye plants with Rita Buchanan's help.

Good book

A Weaver's GardenRita Buchanan1987Hardcover - 230 pagesA Weaver's Garden offers the gardener new plants to explore, and tempts the textile artist to discover a variety of natural resourcesContents include:PrefaceIntroductionPlant Fibers For Spinning And StuffingDyes From PlantsSoap Plants For Cleaning TextilesFragrant Plants to scent and protect textilesPlant Materials For Making Textile ToolsCreating A GardenResourcesGlossaryPronunciation GuideIndex

A splendid resource book, covering plants used for textile fibers, to natural soaps, to natural dyes

and dyeing, to planning and planting your weaver's or dyer's garden. As a weaver and dyer, I can attest to both the practicality of the deeper-than-surface overview information given both on plants and propagation, natural dyes, and applaud the excellent examples shown in color photos and b&w botanical illustrations throughout. Well indexed, with resource listings of plant and seed suppliers and seed exchanges, as well as an extensive glossary. Too bad to see it remaindered; a copy should be in every weaver's guild library.

I like this book's concept; taking a "whole" task like weaving and doing a "how-to" book for making it an integral part of one's life. I don't weave, don't know how to weave, but I have applied the idea of this book to making bread from "scratch" (grew the wheat, evaporated the salt from sea water, collected wild yeast from the air, etc.). There are so many "old" trades and ways of doing things that have disappeared and I love reading about them; people who do them, how to do them, how they're "organized," etcetera.

Describes plants used for fiber, dyes, soap, scent, and weaving tools, as well as how to grow them in the garden. I especially like the chapter on soap plants, as that information is hard to find in other books.

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