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Naturally Dyed Silk Scarves with Shibori

With Annabel Wilson

Saturday 3 June 2017 10:00—16:00

Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA

£70 / £60 Friends of ArtsLink

Annabel Wilson is a Dorset-based designer and dyer. She loves using natural plant dyes along with Procion dyes. She has been captured on film in “Escape to the Country” for the BBC, showing her dyeing and work processes. She regularly teaches arts courses around Dorset including dyeing, painting and other crafts. At Townhill Studio she creates vibrant textile designs using the stitch resist technique of shibori. They are made into wonderful glowing lampshades, scarves and wall hangings.

Course description

During this one day workshop, you will start by being introduced to some simple resist stitching and different ways of manipulating, clamping and folding the fabric. Once you have an idea of what you want to achieve, Annabel will guide you on how to stitch and shape the fabric to resist the dye and create the desired pattern – this is the ancient Japanese art of Shibori.



You will then move onto the really fun part as you dye your scarf with a selection of natural plant dyes. You will be amazed at the range of colours that are possible and Annabel will introduce you to some of the common plants that have been used for generations.

You will go home with a beautiful scarf coloured with natural dyes and patterned with shibori. One silk scarf is included in the course fee. If you require any additional scarves they would be charged at cost.

Suitable for all and no previous experience is necessary although an enjoyment of sewing is helpful.

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Materials to bring and clothing

Indigo and other dyes are pretty messy and will stain clothes and hands. Please either wear older clothes or bring overalls or an old shirt to wear over your clothes once we are dyeing. And don't wear your best shoes just in case! A pair of rubber gloves would be useful, but there will be a few spare pairs. Remember to bring your glasses if you need them, sewing is quite close work. Bring a plastic bag to take your scarf home in because it may not be completely dry. Your favourite needles, thimble, a small scissors and a stitch un-picker if you have them will be useful. These are available but the more the merrier.

Refreshments: Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. Small cups are provided by the venue, if you like to drink from a mug please bring your own.

Parking: The Digby Hall has a public car park. Discounted tickets are available from the machine in the Digby Hall foyer.

Refunds: If you cancel two full weeks (14 days) or more from the start of the course/class, payment will be refunded less a £10 administration fee. No refund will be made if you cancel less than 14 days from the start of the course/class. If ArtsLink cancels a course/class we will refund your payment in full. If a tutor is not available as planned, ArtsLink may provide a substitute tutor, in which case no refunds will be made.