



The John Roan School Sixth Form

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Year 11 Bridging Work for Textiles (A Level)



Watch

Making Natural Dye

This is a 'how to' video on how you can make natural dyes for fabric and yarn at home, using vegetables and spices. It is fairly simple, and hopefully you can use it to have a go yourself. This will be a task in the complete section.

Link: [How to make natural dyes – textiles technique](#)

Time: 6 minutes



Complete

Create your own natural dyes

If possible, have a go at natural dying. Try to follow the YouTube video. Hopefully, you can find the bits and pieces of natural fibre fabrics at home. For fabric you can recycle unwanted clothes, sheets. Cut the down into manageable samples. When finished iron your samples. Some tips:

- Be careful of boiling water and wear gloves
- Think about colours and the palette you use in your work

Time: 40 – 60 minutes



Listen

The Art of Improvisation

Listen to artists talk about going with the flow and lucky mistakes. They share how they make things that go wrong work for them. You might find your dying goes wrong, but this can be saved! We can't be afraid to make mistakes, but take them as a learning opportunity and/or a chance to deviate from our original plan and get even more creative.

Link: [The Tate – The Art of Improvising](#)

Time: 22 minutes



Read

Vivien Prideaux

Read the article linked below on the textile artist Vivien Prideaux. She discusses what initially attracted her to textiles, her interests, techniques and what got her where she is today.

Link: [The natural aspect of dyeing](#)

Time: 20 minutes



Complete

Create your own Ori nui Shibori

Using the 'how to' guide linked below (there are lots more on YouTube if you want to explore), have a go at the ancient Japanese technique.

Perhaps use one of the vegetables dyes that worked successfully from the earlier 'Complete' task.

This is a fiddly technique and requires sewing. If you are not able to complete this, do a detailed drawing of an item of Ori nui Shibori from the V and A collection instead.

Link: [Simple and Straightforward Ori-Nui Patterns for You to Make](#)

Time: 1 - 2 hours



Watch

Indigo Works

Visit the artist Liza Mackenzie's Instagram account (linked below). Explore some of her exhibitions and creations across the years.

Which pieces do you like the most? Why?

Link: [Instagram – Indigo Works](#)

Time: Limitless (recommend at least 30 minutes)



Complete

Add embroidery to your Ori nui Shibori / natural dye

To add further refinement to your samples can use add embroidery to add detail and texture to your samples. Use the How To guide linked earlier, along with the video's on Indigo Work's Instagram page to see how stitches are used to further their patterns.

Time: 1 – 2 hours