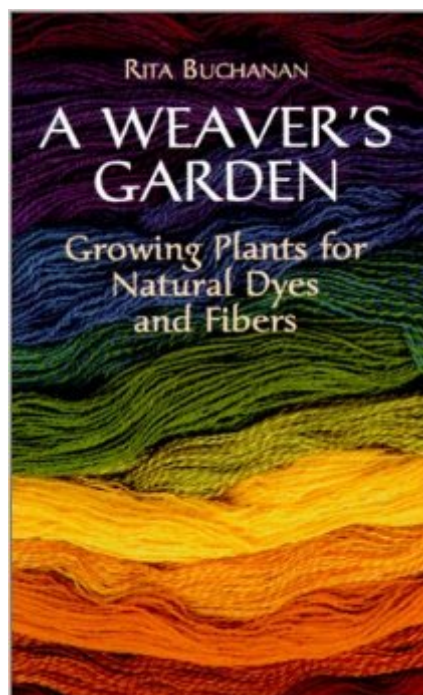


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# A Weaver's Garden: Growing Plants For Natural Dyes And Fibers



## Synopsis

Long before the invention of pottery, men and women wove baskets from plant fibers. Today, craftworkers creating textiles and other products make use of many of these same resources and methods. Thoroughly researched and charmingly written, this practical guide by a veteran botanist and horticulturist provides weavers and gardeners alike with a wealth of information on growing plants for use in weaving and dyeing projects. Beginning with the history and uses of plant fibers, *A Weaver's Garden* then offers valuable hints on dyeing fibers and fabrics and how to use soap plants for cleaning textiles. Readers will also find expert advice on fragrant plants for scenting and protecting textiles, what plant materials to use as tools, how to plan and create a garden containing cotton, flax, indigo, madder, fuller's teasel, woad, and many other useful plants; and much more. A glossary, pronunciation guide, and an abundance of illustrations complete this informative and inspiring volume.

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## Customer Reviews

This is my first year dying with plants, and I checked this book (along with several others) out of our local library over the winter so I could prepare for the short growing season. This is the only one I went out and purchased so I could have a copy on hand. I'm trying to focus on plants I have growing in my own yard, and Rita's book is extremely helpful when I'm trying to figure out what to do with an uncommon dyeplant - for instance, she has a page where she talks about dyeing with pokeberries, but extrapolates from that to give some general rules that should work for dyeing with

almost all berries - helped me when I tried to dye using buckthorn berries, mulberries, and cherries. I've since bought several other dye books, but if I could only choose one to have on hand, it would be this one (or her companion book, *A Dyer's Garden* - but I loved the information on fiber plants that this book had).

I just bought and downloaded this book and found there are no color pictures in the book. Not very useful. I would really like to know how to achieve colors and see a color chart or pictures. Too bad I can't return the book and purchase something with color. Good info on growing and processing fibers and plants for dying.

Having used a borrowed copy of Buchanan's *Dyer's Garden* book, I thought this would contain much of the text from that book PLUS info on growing bast plants. I was wrong. This is an ok introduction to a very large topic, but it does not have the same level of detail. If natural dyes are your primary interest, skip this book and buy *A Dyer's Garden* instead.

I am a fanatic when it comes to dyeing and weaving my own yarn. I really enjoyed this book's dyeing techniques and the methods of extracting natural dyes from their sources. This book is great when it comes to teaching other people about how to make their own dyes. I even got my son into dyeing with natural methods, my son is 14 and usually hates to take any of my advice. This showshow great this book really is!!

This lovely book covers much of the dye bed information I was seeking, as a first-year dyer. It will be a treasured reference book for years to come, as it covers all aspects of soil to harvest and mordants. I love this book and highly recommend it to anybody who's considering dying. It's so easy to grow your own dyes or to harvest from local plants, after reading this and '*Wild Colors*.'

I was truly amazed what with all the different plants that can be grown for their fiber. Will be recommending this book to a friend who wants to expand her garden.

It's a darn good book for those interested in natural dyeing. Extra good for spinners and weavers. She is very knowledgeable.

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