

The Scrunch

Before you begin, prepare your workspace for a messy process. Cover the surface you plan to work on with something you don't mind getting wet and dirty and wear an apron and gloves.

Tie



1. After [mordanting](#) and dampening, lay your fabric out on a table or flat surface.



2. Start in the middle of the fabric and gently gather it with your fingertips.



3. Work towards the edges of the fabric, continuing to gather it. Once all the fabric is gathered, use rubber bands to secure it.

Dye



Prepare your dye according to the [natural dye instructions](#), add to your dyepot, and place it on a heat source.

Add your bundle to the dyepot and simmer it at 140-160° F for 30-45 minutes. Let it cool and rinse the bundle.

Untie



Remove the rubber bands and open the fabric bundle. Rinse again until the water runs clear. Air dry away from direct sunlight.

This technique works with all Botanical Colors dyes, including indigo. For indigo, follow the [indigo vat instructions](#).

The Honeycomb

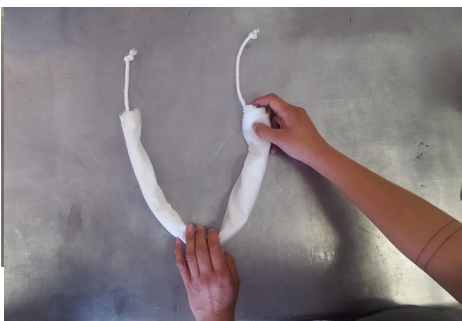
Tie



1. After dampening, lay your fabric out on a table or flat surface. Lay a piece of rope along one edge.



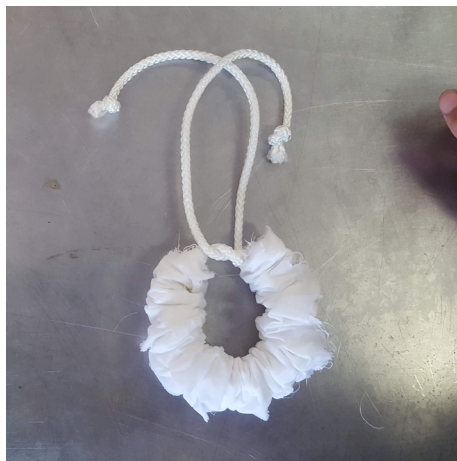
2. Roll the fabric over the rope.



3. Once all the fabric is rolled up, fold the bundle in half.



4. Holding the two ends of the rope, scrunch the fabric down the rope towards the center fold.



5. Securely knot the rope as close to the fabric as possible.

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Dye



Carefully add your bundle to the indigo vat. Keep it submerged in the indigo for 2 to 3 minutes, then remove it and let it rest. Repeat this step multiple times for darker shades of blue. It can take up to three 3-minute dips to get a dark color.

Untie



Untie the rope and unroll the fabric bundle. Wait until all of the dyed parts are blue, not yellow or green. Rinse until the water runs clear. Air dry away from direct sunlight.

This technique works best with indigo. [Detailed instructions for indigo](#) are available [here](#).

For any other Botanical Colors dyes, follow the [mordanting](#) and [natural dye instructions](#) and make sure your bundle is tightly scrunched and knotted for best results.



Botanical Colors

The Spiderweb

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Tie



1. Dampen your fabric and lay it out on a table or flat surface. Pick up the center of the fabric.



2. Lift the fabric up from the center so that all of the edges are hanging from your hand.



3. Working from the center, tightly wrap rubber bands around the fabric.



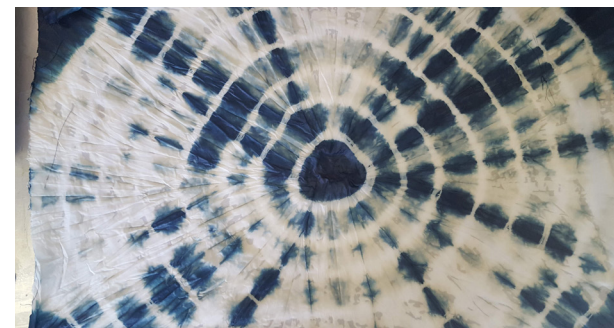
4. Continue in this manner to the end of the fabric.

Dye



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Untie



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[Detailed instructions for an indigo vat are available here.](#)

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