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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 Garden Rita Buchanan 1987 Hardcover - 230 pages
A Weaver's Garden offers the gardener new plants to explore, and tempts the textile artist to discover a variety of natural resources
Contents include: Preface, Introduction, Plant Fibers For Spinning And Stuffing, Dyes From Plants, Soap Plants For Cleaning Textiles, Fragrant Plants to scent and protect textiles, Plant Materials For Making Textile Tools, Creating A Garden, Resources, Glossary, Pronunciation Guide, Index

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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