



Growing Colour Together is a natural dyeing project for **WOVEN**, a celebration of innovation in textiles across Kirklees, exploring the techniques and processes involved in natural dyeing and how they can be applied to textile art and making.

By getting involved you can learn about growing, foraging and harvesting plants that make natural dyes, learn about natural dyeing processes, and take part in workshops where you can use natural dyes to explore colour in textile art, design and print.

The next WOVEN festival will take place in June 2021. Anything you can forage and harvest now will contribute towards creating a showcase for natural dyeing processes and activities during the WOVEN festival in June 2021. Have fun and enjoy your foraging!

This is the perfect time to collect any berries, just be careful to avoid the prickles when gathering. Spread out on a tray to allow any insects to escape before bagging or boxing up, labelling for easy identification and freezing.

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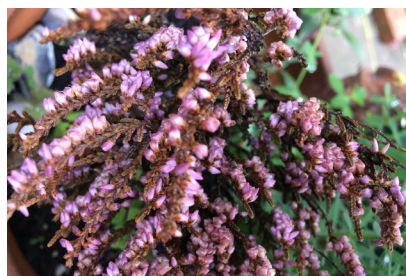
Elderberries



Rowan Berries

HEATHER

Really easy to collect and dry.



Collect the flower tops from the heather, don't worry if you get some of the leaves too.



Let them dry in a warm, dry place on a tray for a couple of days.



Place them in a jar to stop them from getting damp.

OAK GALLS

There are lots of different types of oak galls, some are round like marbles and some are lumpy and bumpy like the ones in the photograph. Collect any to use for dyeing.



Collect them from the ground and check that there is a little hole in the gall that is produced when the insect leaves the gall.



Dry them on a tray



Place them in a jar or sealed container to stop them from getting damp.

STINGING NETTLES



Wearing gloves, pick the leaves. It doesn't matter if there are some stems with them.



Bag and freeze until needed.

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Tips for safe foraging

Make sure you have the landowners permission

Only take a small proportion of plants growing

10-15% is a good gauge, but be sensible so it'll be there next year to collect more!

Wash your hands

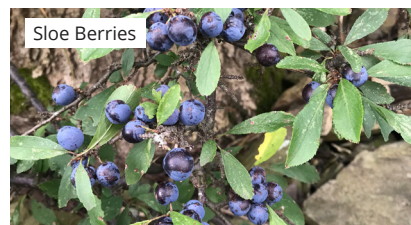
Maintain social distancing

Enjoy your autumn walk!

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Autumn Raspberries



Sloe Berries

ACORNS



Collect fallen acorns from the floor.



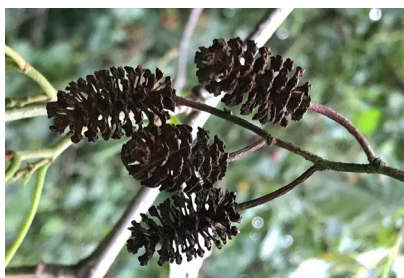
Allow the acorns to dry on a tray in a warm dry place.



Then place in an airtight container such as a jam jar to stop them from getting damp.

ALDER CONE

These are easy to find hanging on the alder tree from mid autumn through to spring, (sometimes summer) even after the leaves have dropped.



You can gather them when the wind has blown them to the ground.



Spread them out to dry in a warm place so they don't become moldy.



Store in a paper bag or old cardboard box.

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