

Spring Dye Day

Spring has sprung and colorful flowers are springing up all over. Want to make a colorful bouquet of yarn? Our Saturday meeting on April 30 at 10 a.m. will be a Dye Day at Becky Ellwood's house, 7720 Graves Creek Road, Atascadero. We will be using ProChemical MX dyes on plant-based fibers such as cotton, bamboo, Tencel and linen.

Although we don't normally ask for RSVPs for Saturday meetings, please contact Irene Rush at irene@kcbx.net if you are joining us, to ensure that we have enough workstations set up. There will not be a potluck, but you are welcome to bring a sack lunch.

Some Pre-Dye Day Instructions:

Yarn needs to be "scoured" at least a day in advance, or the dye will not hold. To scour 1 pound of fiber, fill a tub with very hot water (140 degrees). Add 1/2 tsp soda ash OR 1/2 tsp Synthropol OR 1/2 tsp Dawn. Let fiber soak until water is cool, then rinse and dry.

If you want to "Parfait Dye" a center pull ball, scour the yarn first, then wind into a ball.

You will need to bring the following supplies:

Plant based yarn (Cellulose fiber), preferably white bleached.

For example:

- Warp chains 4 to 5 yards x 100 ends make nice samples
- 4 oz skeins are a good size
- 4-5 oz center pull ball

A dust mask -- this should be worn when mixing dyes so as to not breathe in dye dust

Rubber gloves

Measuring cups, white or clear ***

White batter bowls ***

Measuring spoons, down to 1/8 tsp is good ***

Metal or plastic kitchen whip ***

Spray bottle

White or clear quart containers, such as from yogurt or cottage cheese ***

Paper towels

Several inches of newspaper to wrap your yarns in after dyeing

Garbage bags to take your yarn home.

***** These items should not be used in the kitchen after having been used for dyeing**

Wear old clothes or bring an apron or you might be sorry 😊😊

Attached are two PDF documents ([Dye Notes](#) & [Parfait Dyeing](#)) with information on the dyeing process.

We look forward to seeing you on April 30.

Irene Rush and Rebecca Evans ~ Your Saturday co-chairs