

COCHINEAL RECIPE

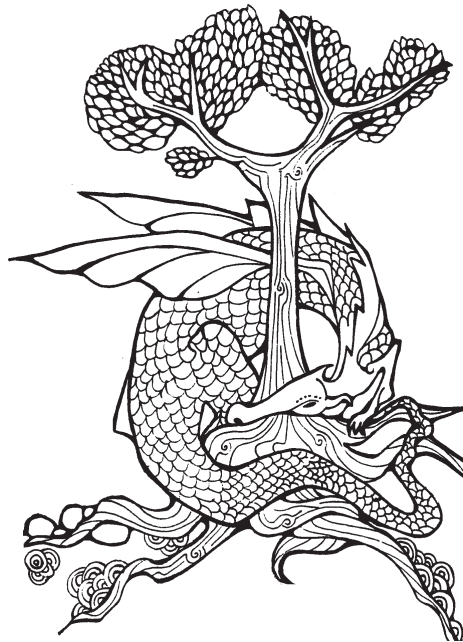
1 LB wool / 1 oz cochineal

Pre-mordant wool with alum.

Soak cochineal in warm water for 1 hour, boil for 15 minutes, then strain. Add cold water to the strained liquid until the dyebath holds between 4 and 4 1/2 gallons.

Rinse mordanted wool thoroughly; squeeze out excess moisture. Enter wool into dyebath. Bring slowly to a simmer and hold temperature for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Turn heat off, allow bath to cool slowly. Remove wool, rinse and hang to dry.

If you want to make wool felt: subject it to abrupt changes of temperature combined with agitation (stirring too hard or too fast). To prevent felting: avoid temperature-shock and rude handling.



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