

COCAGNE COUNTRY COLOURS



ONION SKINS

1. Gather dry yellow onion skins (if they're humid, they could rot and alter the colour).
2. Mordant your fibre (see the *Mordanting* card).
3. Soak your fibre (see the *Mordanting* card).
4. Weigh your onion skins. You need equal weights of onion skin to fibre for a yellow ochre, and double the skins for an orangey-yellow.
5. Break up the skins and put them in a non-reactive pot, then cover with water.
6. Heat until steam appears, but do not let simmer (30 mins - 1 h: start counting time when the water has reached the desired temperature).
7. Let sit overnight OR heat longer for a deeper colour OR remove onion skins for a lighter colour.
8. Add your wool to the dye created and heat until steam appears, but do not let simmer (30 mins- 1 h).
- 9.*Optional: let sit from 1 to 12 hours to absorb maximum colour.
10. Rinse in water of the same temperature to avoid felting (for wool).
11. Air dry away from direct sunlight.

YOU WILL GET A YELLOW OCHRE OR AN ORANGEY-YELLOW
WITH MORE SKINS OR MORE HEAT.



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