Clothes dyeing

Did you know that your flower patch might be a dye-garden in disguise? Dozens of garden flowers and plants can be harvested and made into vibrant, colorful dyes – everything you need for your next tie-dye garden party!

Asters, marigolds and zinnias all produce a deep yellow; sunflowers a bright sunny gold; coreopsis an orange; red cabbage a bright pink; carrot tops a subtle green; and the list of plants and their natural dye properties goes on! Experimenting with natural dyes derived from your garden offers great opportunities for both art projects and scientific exploration.

For step-by-step instructions on how to make your own natural dye, visit the Dig Art! website: www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl/digart



