

Indigo Shibori Retreat

For thousands of years and all across the world, people have been fascinated by the magic of indigo dye. In this five-day retreat each person will learn how to dye with indigo and use shibori techniques to create patterns on clothe. Students will learn how to create 2 different types of vats (fructose and iron) the advantages & disadvantages of each, and proper vatting techniques to achieve the best results. Davana will prepare 3 vats of various dye strengths and teach students how to create graduations of blue from light to dark. This retreat will do a deep dive into shibori exploration. We will start with folded and clamped resist using Itajime shibori and then learn several stitch resist shibori techniques. Davana will introduce techniques with step-by-step demonstrations, but will also discuss methods of creating depth, perspective, and imagery to develop one of a kind artworks. Students will create their own original design using a technique (or multiple techniques) of their choice with feedback from Davana on composition and strategies for dyeing.

This retreat is for ALL LEVELS meaning those who have no experience to advanced students are welcome. Each person will be encouraged to develop their skills and unique style at whatever level they are at. Each student will leave with beautifully dyed fabrics, scarves, or wearables, and instructional handouts to continue their exploration.

Supply list for students

All Indigo and vat chemicals, wooden shapes, and clamps and 6 yards of white cotton fabric will be included but students should bring the following:

- Extra long rubber gloves (elbow length/26-28 inch is best, others work okay)
- A N-95 or KN-95 mask (for mixing vat chemicals)
- A spool of 100% polyester thick upholstery thread, sewing needles various sizes.
- Fabric: Indigo will only dye natural fibers: 100% cotton, silk, rayon, wool, and linen. NO SYNTHETIC FABRIC.

6 yards of white fabric will be included in the workshop for test samples and experiments. You will need to decide what fabric you'd like to use after those 6 yards are dyed. You will probably want silk, linen, or rayon scarf blanks, blank t-shirts, and various other items. Keep in mind that it's better to have more fabric than you think you need. You will be eager to dye! Be sure to chose a fabric that you'd like to create your final artwork on as well. Cotton works too!

You can purchase those at dharma trading.com, maiwa.com, testfabrics.com, or prochemicalanddye.net., and bring those items with you as silk and linen packs very small

OR:

There is also a French supplier that can ship directly to Clos Mirabel:
For silk: <https://www.aubijouxlasoie.com/fr/46-tissus-de-soie>
For wool: <https://www.sodintex.com/en/products/silk-wool-scarves>