

NAS Part III Ancient Technology module

Traditional Textile Manufacturing

Part III Point allocation: 12 points maximum

Course Timetable

(times are approximate and subject to change)

Saturday 19th September

10.00 Introduction, aims
Fibre hunt
(If time set up mordant pots with fibre in for tomorrow - Mordant some fleece and some samples of plant fibres with Tannic Acid – tea or Wood Ash or 3 week old urine or Washing Soda)

Break

11.30 Early man level:
Fibre – mainly plant fibre – otzi, Austrian mummy 5000 yr ago mainly leather, but plant material used to make fastenings
Use of nettles today as fibre – Nepal
Look at some different plant fibres (soya, coconut and cocoa bean)
Have a go at spinning by hand **NO TOOLS**

Lunch

1.30 Next level Egyptian onwards – drop spindle – 11th century spinning wheels – traditional and castle (2 to use)
Have a go with plant fibre first then introduce fleece (wool), alpaca, silk mawata squares

3.30 Review/discussion

Sunday 20th September

09.00 Introduction
Dying process/history
Look for dying stuffs - fresh dandelion flowers, hop flowers, Lichens

Break

10.30 Mordant some fleece and some samples of plant fibres with Tannic Acid – tea or Wood Ash or 3 week old urine or Washing Soda
Try kumihimo braiding

Lunch

1.30 Dye pot with onions skins and lichens, Leave fibres out to dry – they will change colour

3.00 Review, use of fibres, crochet, tatting (naval) knitting, weaving

4.00 Finish