

[Instructions for Dying Silk]

Date: Late 18th or early 19th century; exact date unknown.

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Manuscript

Type
Household
Miscellaneous

Ingredients
logwood dye
dogwood dye
alum water
salt water
gum arabic

Places
Nova Scotia

Source: Militia Regulations Book

Institution: Nova Scotia Archives | **Reference:** MG 100 Vol. 1 No. 5 / Microfilm Reel 786

Description

A method for dying silk pasted in the pages of a book of Militia Regulations.

Transcription

Dip the silk first in the [logwood](#) [dogwood] dye & then
in Allum Water, then rinse it well in Salt Water,
& dissolve an Ounce of Gum Arabic in a little water
and dip it all in, dry it slowly in the House &
Iron it quickly.

Annotations

logwood

Logwood produces black dye. The writer may also mean "dogwood," which makes blue dye.

Instructions for Dying Silk recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/445>