



**TURMERIC** (*Curcuma longa*) is a rhizomatous herbaceous perennial plant of the ginger family, Zingiberaceae. It's native to tropical South Asia and needs high temperatures and rainfall to thrive. Plants are gathered annually for their rhizomes, and propagated from some of those rhizomes in the following season. Turmeric is still used extensively to dye Sari fabric in India as it gives beautiful bright yellows. For medium shades use 50% WOF. There is no need to use any mordants with Turmeric.

**DYEING** Dissolve the powder in hot water and add to dyebath. Wet fabric/fibre and add to dyebath. Bring slowly to a gentle simmer, stirring to make sure it dyes evenly and keep at temp for at least 30mins or until you're happy with the depth of colour. Cool in dyebath then rinse in warm water.



**ROSEHIPS** *Rosa Rugosa* - (Dog Wood)  
Rosehips will dye tans to rosy pinks. You can collect the rosehips and store them or use them immediately but before dyeing they will need to be soaked overnight in hot water. Next step is to simmer them for at least 2 hours. Strain off the dye liquor & discard the hips.

**MORDANT**  
Use alum at 15% WOF on Protein.  
Use tannin at 8% WOF then alum at 15% WOF on cellulose.

**DYEING** Add the premordanted fibre to the dyebath and simmer for a further 2 hours. Remove from dyebath. Rinse fibres and dry. Dye solution may be used again until all the dye solution is exhausted.

