

## Step 6: Dye your wool

If you want your wool to be a color other than it's natural color: white, gray, black, or brown, you will have to dye it. Dyeing is the process of adding another ingredient to the wool to make it change color.

### Dyes:

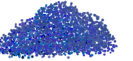
Yellow : onion skins



Red: cochineal (crushed up beetle)



Blue: indigo (comes from certain plants)



Green: Elder leaves



Walnut Hulls



Tea pot of  
hot water



Hank of  
yarn



### Activity:

1. Cut out the tea kettle (or use the one from Step 3) and pretend to pour hot water into the wash tub.
2. Look at the ingredients list on the right, and choose which color you would like. Then cut out the ingredient next to that color. Add that ingredient to the wash tub. Using your maker or other drawing tool, color the water that color.
3. Cut out the hank (yarn that hasn't been wound into a ball yet) of yarn. Add that to the wash tub. Color the yarn to match your ingredients and water. Congratulations you have dyed your yarn!



Wash tub

### Fun Fact:

Wool can be dyed before or after it has been spun. Ours is being dyed after it's spun. How can you tell?