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SHIBORI AFTERCARE

Allow your dyed textile to rest inside the compostable plastic bag for anywhere from 4 to 24 hours. Try placing your bag inside a glass bowl, just in case there are any rips or tears that can allow the dye to leak.

When you're ready to rinse, move your piece to the sink. Untie or cut each rubber band under cold, running water to wash away the indigo, rinsing until water runs clear (this can take a few minutes). Indigo is safe to go down the sink, but can stain porcelain – so make sure to clean any drips or splashes.

If possible, bathe your textile in a weak vinegar solution for 10 minutes – about four cups of cold water with one tablespoon of white, rice, or apple cider vinegar. This will help neutralize the pH of the fabric, and is optional, but will help to brighten & fix the color.

Now, wash your pieces with water & mild dish soap, and hang to dry out of direct sunlight. The next time that you wash your fabric, try machine-washing (with no other fibers, to prevent color transfer) or hand washing using the same method.

After a few washes, indigo textiles are generally safe to be washed with other fabrics and tumbled-dry on a gentle setting. But color transfer can occur, so err on the side of caution or wash indigo with dark-colored fabrics to reduce any unwanted transfers.

Enjoy your hand-dyed indigo pieces! For more information on indigo dyeing & sourcing, feel free to reach out to us at hello@foragercrafts.com