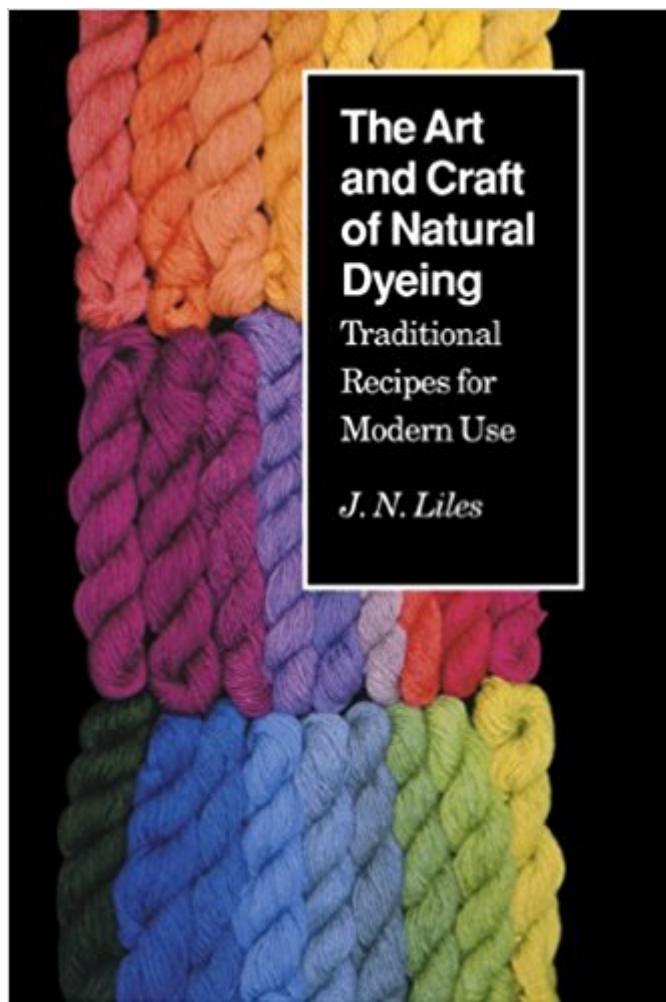


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# The Art And Craft Of Natural Dyeing: Traditional Recipes For Modern Use



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