

North American dye plants

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Handsome line drawings of 126 common, roadside plants are included with tips on how to use them to obtain a range

of warm, subtle colors.