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Mushroom dyeing is a traditional and environmentally friendly craft, which makes good use of the dye pigments in mushrooms, polypores and lichens.

The dyes from dye mushrooms cover the whole spectrum of the rainbow. Anna-Karoliina Tetri's book is based on practical experiences. It is the first book on dyeing with mushrooms written by a Finnish author. It contains useful information on the identification, gathering and handling of mushrooms and on the dyeing process. The book teaches you by the use of examples how to extract dye using the traditional heating method and offers advice on the significance of the pH and the use of mordants when dyeing with mushrooms.

Dyeing with Mushrooms reviews the use of 25 different mushrooms and five lichens. It contains photos of over 600 yarn colour samples. There are several recipes for each mushroom – there are over 100 colour samples just from different hedgehog mushroom varieties. The illustrative photos make it easier to identify the mushrooms. The book also covers the characteristics of the mushrooms and introduces you to the history of the usage of mushrooms, polypores and lichens for dyeing and other useful purposes. A new technique demonstrated in the book is Tetri's double dyeing technique, which gives blue, green and brown colour from for example *Sarcodon squamosus*.

Anna-Karoliina Tetri is a professional artisan. She has also published a book on plant dyeing and a book on felting.