



**BumBoos**

comfortable underwear | natural fabrics | organic plant dye



My name is Daphne. I am a Zimbabwean born Londoner. I created BumBoos to offer comfortable natural underwear to women. I decided to only create underwear I could see myself in, comfortable, practical and a little playful. Plant based fabrics were my choice of fabric because of their numerous benefits. The fabric produced from bamboo organic cotton fibres are soft, sweat absorbent and antibacterial, therefore reducing the risk of moisture related infections, i.e. urinary tract infections, thrash. Bamboo is a highly sustainable plant, its fast growing, biodegradable, requires no fertiliser or pesticides for its cultivation and when harvested bamboo is cut, not uprooted, making it soil sustainable. I am a Registered Nurse and undoubtedly nursing influenced the idea to create underwear which promotes better health. I decided to use natural plant based dyes as they are kinder to skin, no chemicals, just as nature intended.

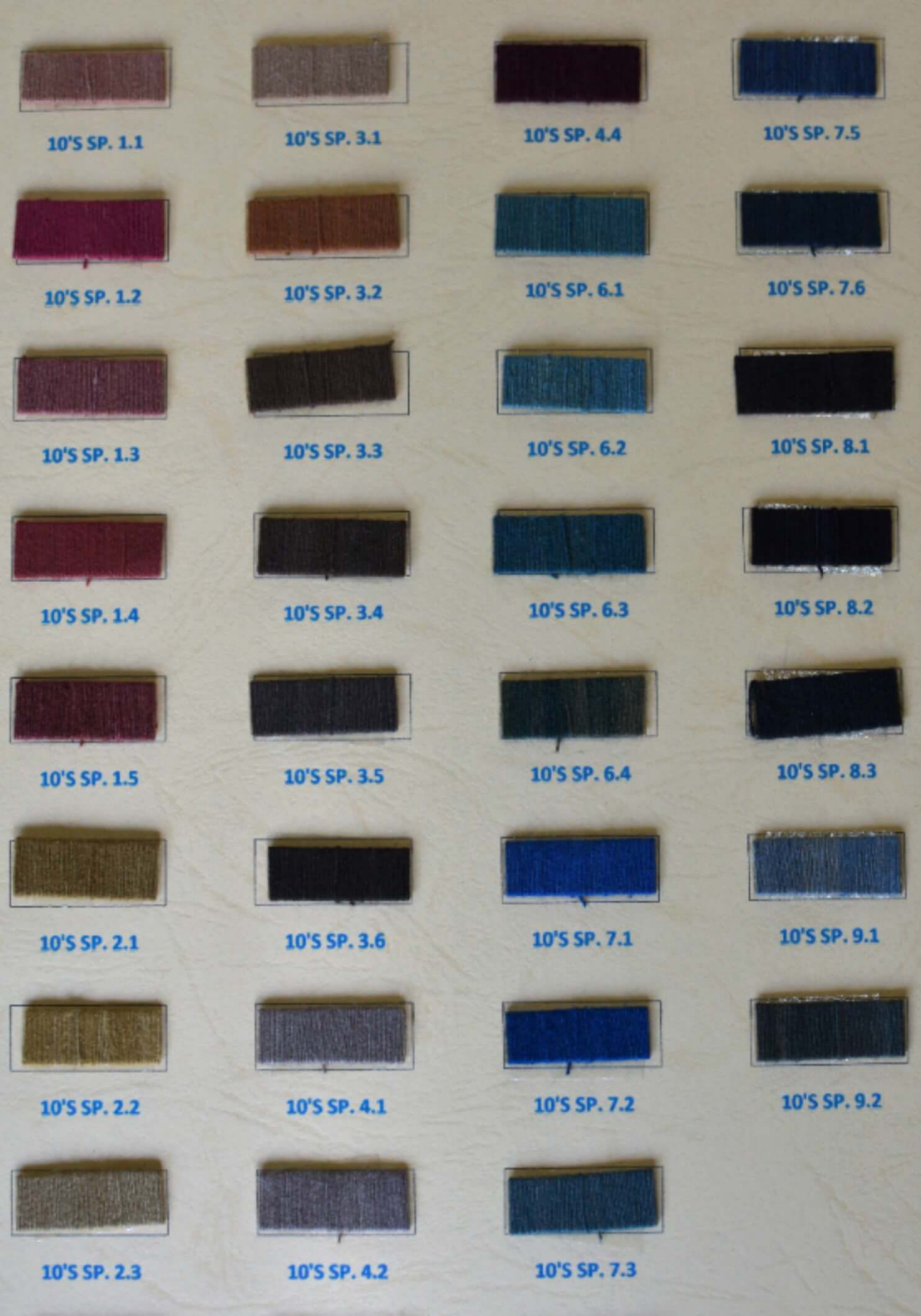






Mango leaf, which produces a natural yellow dye.

To produce natural yellow dye, mango leaves are crushed, boiled for hours and left to ferment.



## Natural Dye Colour Palette

Five plants are used to produce natural dye primary colours, which can be mixed to produce a variety of other colours.

Lighter or darker shades can be achieved by reducing or prolonging the dyeing process

Ketapang leaf (umbrella leaf) - black

Tarum leaf (indigo) - indigo blue

Mahogany leaf - brown

Mango leaf - yellow

Secang bark - red





### Bra Top

Indigo shibori. To archive this style, the fabric was crinkled, natural indigo dye was poured and organically left to form patterns. No piece is alike. Organic and natural, as nature intended.

### Lotus Knickers

Indigo natural dye





The bra top comes in one style, five different colours. It is designed to provide full coverage with double fabric in front, providing sturdiness.

Made from bamboo organic cotton fabric, which is soft, natural and breathable.

Suitable for exercise as its sturdy and keeps moisture from building up between your skin and clothing, allowing you to remain comfortable as you exercise.

Model wears a large size, she is a traditional bra size 36C





Lotus underwear set in natural indigo dye from the tarum plant.





Lotus knickers  
Indigo natural dye, shibori style.





Patchwork styles created from off cuts, minimising waste.









Everyday comfortable underwear for the everyday woman.





Olive Bra Top

To archived this colour, the fabric was dyed in indigo natural dye, washed, dried then dipped in mango leaf, which produces a natural yellow colour.





Frangipani high-waist knickers in olive





Frangipani high-waist underwear set in salmon colour. Made from organic cotton.

comfortable | moisture wicker | antibacterial









Lotus underwear set in soft bamboo fabric









Plant Based Fabrics | Plant Based Dyes



Natural indigo dyeing.

No masks required. Organic, natural, kind to skin, as nature intended.





BumBoos in the making





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70% bamboo  
20% organic cotton  
10% elastic

handmade in Bali  
gentle wash only







To archive the work I do, I work with Andika who owns a small natural dye farm tucked away in Gianyar, Bali. I was attracted to Andika's way of working as he emphasises on working organically with nature. Plant dyes are mostly produced from leaves, a pruning method, causing minimal harm to plants. When bark is used, replanting is encouraged.

To reduce impact on the environment once dyeing is completed, Andika feeds residue dye to Eceng Gondok, a plant which naturally filters the water, before it is fed back to the earth. Leaf and bark residue is composted.

Though I am the designer and curator of BumBoos, I collaborate with KamiLu Organics (We Are Women, in Balinese) to create BumBoos. KamiLu is a very small collective of female tailors/artisans, run by Ami, who only employs women as she wanted to create a work environment which encourages women to work without compromising life outside work. At KamiLu everyone is paid a fair wage and entitled to maternity leave. Overtime is not encouraged, as all women (total of 4) are mothers and are encouraged to have work, life balance. KamiLu was also created to support women creatives like myself who produce on a small scale.

In the near future, my goal is to grow into 100% natural dye and continue to work in a way which is fair to humanity and less harmful to mother earth and to be as transparent as possible in the way I create and produce.

To minimise waste, BumBoos patchwork styles have been created from the off cuts.

Ethical | Sustainable | Slow Process



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