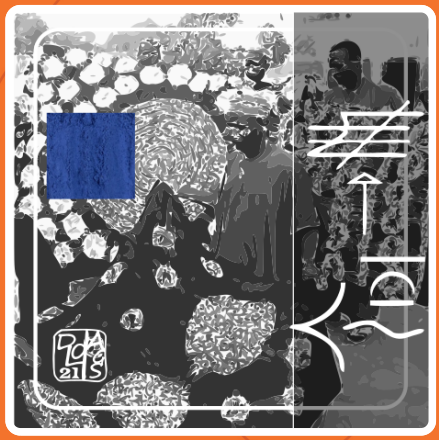


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indigo

Indigo is one of the most important dyes in the history of textiles worldwide. Derived from various plants depending on the region, it produces a deep blue hue that has shaped the clothing traditions of many societies. It can be found in Japanese fabrics as well as in textiles from West Africa, India, and Europe. Its trade has long fueled international exchange networks comparable to those of silk or spices. The preparation of indigo requires complex expertise combining botany, empirical chemistry, and mastery of dyeing. Its spread reflects the global circulation of techniques and tastes. Indigo thus helps us understand how a single color can connect regions far apart. Behind the blue of the fabrics lies a global history of cultural exchange.