ABSTRACT
In this study, Aloe vera (Aloe barbadensis) was used for furnishing colour to textiles. This appears to be first novel and unique exploitation of Aloe vera for dye application on different natural fibres. Dye was extracted from fresh aloe solution obtained from churning whole Aloe vera leaf in a mixer. The dye thus obtained ‘chrysammic acid’ could be easily applied on silk and wool at lower pH which rendered rich golden yellow colour. Washing deepened the colour which could be advantageous to the consumer. The dye could be used on cotton with the help of different mordants to produce different colours varying from yellow, pink, khaki to brown.

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