

## Topic 037 Jeannie, Spinning Wool(2)

杨晨: 各位听众好, 我是杨晨。欢迎到美语咖啡屋!

**Jody:** Hello I'm Jody, welcome to American Cafe! On this edition of American Cafe we are going to talk to our friend Jeannie from West Virginia.

杨晨: 好香啊。你是在煮汤吗?

**Jody:** No, I am boiling soup. I am boiling brown.

杨晨: Brown? 你说的颜色里的 brown, 棕色吗?

**Jody:** That is right. I am boiling the color brown.

杨晨: Jody, 你真是越来越可爱了。颜色也能煮吗?

**Jody:** Of course, you can boil a color. I got the idea from Jeannie, the woman artist we met who raises sheep and then uses their wool to make stuff.

杨晨: 对。我认识 Jeannie。她非常特别。为什么说她特别呢? 因为她不但自己养羊, 还会剪羊毛, 织毛衣。她织的每一件毛衣都是艺术品。

**Jody:** That is right. She also dyes the wool herself. But Yang Chen, you forgot a part of the process.

杨晨: 她还会给羊毛染色啊?

**Jody:** People who dye wool naturally use by-products found in nature like fruit, leaves and bark from trees, vegetables, even bugs!

杨晨: Bugs? 虫子, 我最怕那些小虫子。你刚才提到的 by-product, 能不能给大家解释一下?

**Jody:** By-product, spelled B-Y-P-R-O-D-U-C-T. A by-product is something that is left over from a process.

杨晨: 对, By-product 就是副产品的意思。

**Jody:** Jeannie is going to tell us how she is going to use by-product from trees like yellow boxwood elder, osage orange wood and walnut tress to get completely natural color.

杨晨: 你刚才提到的 yellow boxwood elder 或者是 osage orange wood...

**Jody:** Those are just types of trees.

杨晨: 好。我们就听听 Jeannie 是利用那些 by-products 来作染料。

**Jeannie:** And in this case I've dyed with yellow box elder to get this nice green-yellow color. And I've got some dyed with osage orange wood and the boxwood was given to me by another friend as a by-product of something he was making.

**杨晨:** 我还是不太明白，她到底是用什么方法把这些东西制作出各种颜色的染料呢？

**Jody:** The process involves cocking the ingratiate over an open fire like a big pot of soup. Jeannie says that she dyed her wool over an open fire with friends. Doesn't that sound fun?

**杨晨:** 嗯...

**Jody:** Don't answer that. I had the feeling that boiling bugs over an open flame is not your idea of fun, but for Jeannie...

**Jeannie:** Well, we did this outside over an open fire and it took a couple of hours. It was a lot of fun.

**杨晨:** 不过我还有一个疑问，如果是利用这些自然界的这些东西来制作颜色，那么颜色的种类是不是很有限呢？

**Jody:** Jeannie said that you can get almost any color you want from nature; you can have the whole color span.

**杨晨:** 那你这里说的 whole color span 就是所有的颜色都包括在内。

**Jody:** Exactly, and according to Jeannie people who are really into dying wool naturally can get any color they want.

**杨晨:** 等一等，我想提醒大家当你说一个人“really into something”就是说这个人某件事特别认真，特别投入。

**Jody:** Oh, good point. If you are really into something, you have been doing something for a long time and you really like it. But enough from us, Yang Chen, let's hear how Jeannie uses the expression "really into it" and words like "span..."

**Jeannie:** Yeah, there's natural colors you can get almost anything you want. And people who are really into it -- which I'm not, I'm just a beginner, but with the natural colors -- but you can get browns from walnut. You can get blue from indigo. So you can have the whole span.

**Jody:** Jeannie says she is just a beginner, but to me she sounds like a pro.

**杨晨:** 没错，我也觉得她听起来很老练。你有没有闻到什么东西煮糊了？

**杨晨:** 我知道这种来自大自然的颜色一定有很多好处，但是它们会不会很容易退色呢？

**Jody:** Oh, no it's my color brown. It's burning, it is all boiled over. Oh, man, my color brown it the color black. I guess I am the real beginner here. Well, anyway, thanks for joining us on American Cafe...See you next time.

**杨晨:** 谢谢大家收听美语咖啡屋。我们下次再见。

**Jody:** Where is Jeannie when we need her?