



Dyed textiles can be used to create a pigment (and then paint). The colorant is re-extracted from the textiles using potash, and then alum is added to the solution to precipitate the pigment.

However, the reverse is not true: prepared pigment CANNOT be used to dye textiles. The colorant is precipitated into a particle (the pigment), and so the colorant is not free to bind with the textile which will not bind to the textile.