True Colors

As the demand for natural food dyes increases, more and more alternatives are being introduced. Below are just a few of the common natural dyes used in food:



Source	Color	Made From	Used In
Annatto	reddish-orange	the seed of the annatto tree	cheese, butter, boxed rice dinners
Betanin	red	beets	tomato paste, sauces, jam, ice cream, cereal
Turmeric	orange-yellow	turmeric root	mustard, cheese, butter, salad dressing
Elderberry juice	purple-blue	elderberries	ice cream, yogurt, juice, cereal, granola bars, muffins
Black carrot juice	peach-red	black carrots	yogurt, juice
Saffron	yellow	saffron crocus flowers	boxed rice dinners, baked goods
Red cabbage	blue	red cabbage	icings, cake batters, cookies
Carrot oil	orange	carrots	sauces
Purple sweet potato juice	red to purple	purple sweet potatoes	beverages

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