Supplementary Information

Photonic crystals with rainbow colors by centrifugation-assisted assembly of colloidal lignin nanoparticles

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Peak (nm)	/	240	200	180	170	160	150
Average size (D) (nm) *	77.4	226.8	193.0	190.7	175.5	156.0	154.2
Standard deviation (σ) (nm)	20.3	46.7	30.1	30.4	27.1	17.7	14.5
$PDI = (\sigma/D)^2$	0.069	0.042	0.024	0.020	0.030	0.013	0.009

Supplementary Table 1. Calculation of the PDI of LNPs.

* 100 particles were analysed.

Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1. DLS size distributions of LNP dispersion prepared at three different dilution rates by adding water to the lignin solution in a binary water-acetone solvent mixture.



Supplementary Figure 2. Size distribution of LNPs measured from SEM image with PDI of 0.07. $PDI = \left(\frac{\sigma}{D}\right)^2 [1]$, where the average size D is 77 nm, and the standard deviation σ is 20 nm.



Supplementary Figure 3. (a) Scheme of forming photonic crystal from LNPs by centrifugation. Digital photo of the pellet after centrifugation (left) and digital microscope image of cross-section of LNPs photonic crystal (right). (b) Digital photograph of the photonic crystals. (c) SEM image of the cross-section of the photonic crystals.



Supplementary Figure 4. (a) STEM image of sectioned LNPs photonic crystal. The region of resin was highlighted by a yellow circle. (b) STEM image of sectioned LNPs photonic crystal, which displays how the LNPs are arranged and packed inside the photonic crystal.



Supplementary Figure 5. CIE 1931 chromaticity coordinates of LNPs photonic crystal. Spectral power distribution of illuminant was D65.



Supplementary Figure 6. Absorption spectra of lignin and LNPs. Lignin solution and LNPs dispersion were coated on a microscope cover glass. The spectrum of the cover glass was recorded as a background.



Supplementary Figure 7. Digital microscope images of LNP-PC (a) before and (b) after 120 s coating with gold.



Supplementary Figure 8. SEM images of the fracture cross-section of LNPs in different color layers, (a) in blue, (b) in green, (c) in yellow, and (d) in orange.

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