



DYE MIX RECIPE

- 1/2 tsp. dye
- 1 cup of hot water
- 1/4-cup vinegar

Start by adding a very small amount of the hot water to the dye to make a paste. Then add a bit more of the water to thin the paste, and then add the rest of the water and the vinegar.

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UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES



1 Prepare a skein of yarn by securing it with figure-8 ties. Three per skein so the yarn does not get tangled.



2 Soak yarn in warm water; enough to cover it, plus 1/2-cup Vinegar or 3-Tbsp. Citric Acid and 1/4 tsp. Synthrapol, or dishwashing detergent for at least 1 hour.

3 Put on your rubber gloves and if you have one, a dust mask. Dyes are not healthy to inhale.



4 Mix the dyes in a mason jar. (use chopsticks to mix)



5 Remove the yarn from the soaking bath and strain out the water in a colander. Ring it out, but very gently. Lay out yarn on a layer of plastic wrap. Trying to spread it out so as much of it is visible as possible, not mounded up.



6 Apply the dye to the yarn/fiber with sponge brushes; squeeze bottles or syringes, for your desired outcome. Use pressure from your fingers to ensure the yarn gets thoroughly saturated.

7 Wrap the yarn in the plastic wrap to form a small bundle. Place the bundle into a sandwich bag and zip lock.



8 Place the bundles in a stainless steel vegetable steamer, so that the water does not touch them. Cover and Steam for 20 minutes.

9 Allow the bundles to cool to room temperature.

10 Gently rinse them in a bucket with luke warm water and dishwasher detergent. Repeat as needed until there is no scent of vinegar. Gently squeeze excess water out of the skeins, place on sweater rack or coat hanger to allow to dry.



MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

- Yarn
- Dye - Saberset Pro Chemical Acid Dyes
- Distilled white vinegar
- Synthrapol or Dawn dishwashing liquid
- Dust mask
- Gloves
- Stainless Steel Vegetable Steamer Pot

WARNING ALL ITEMS USED HERE SHOULD NOT ALSO BE USED TO PREPARE FOOD

- Colander
- Plastic wrap
- Measuring cup
- Measuring spoons
- Mason Jars
- Sponge brushes/Squeeze bottles.
- Small tub for soaking

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