

ColourCraft Acid Milling Dyes – Instructions for Use

Soak your yarn/fibre in a bowl of water with a drop of washing up liquid for at least 30 minutes.

Prepare the dye solution by dissolving the dye powder in some boiling water. The amount of dye you will use will depend on the depth of shade you want. 1g of dye per 100g of yarn (dry weight) will give an 'average' depth of shade. Use less for pastels or more for bolder shades. Ensure all the dye granules have dissolved.

Add some citric acid (or vinegar) to the dye solution - 10g citric acid per 100g dry weight of fibre is a guide, although bolder colours may need more acid to set fully.

Method 1: Heat a pan with sufficient water to cover the yarn. When near boiling point, add the dye and acid solution and then the yarn and gently stir to ensure all the yarn comes into contact with the dye. Cover and maintain a gentle simmer until all the dye has been exhausted and the water is clear.

Method 2: Lay your yarn/fibre on a table (protected with a plastic sheet or similar). Paint the dye solution onto the yarn/fibre. Wrap in cling film and then microwave on a medium-high heat for around 10-15 minutes at 2-minute intervals, waiting 5 minutes in between each heating burst. When the water from the yarn runs clear, the dye is set.

Leave the yarn/fibre to cool, then rinse well. Hang to dry.

ColourCraft Acid Milling Dyes – Health and Safety Considerations

WARNING KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN!

ColourCraft Dyes are of industrial strength and contain fine powder. They must be handled with caution, and use of rubber/vinyl gloves whilst using the dyes is recommended. Ensure your dyeing area is well ventilated – it is recommended that you also use a facemask. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

FIRST AID:

- In eyes: immediately flush with lukewarm water for 15 minutes or until dye is removed. If irritation persists, seek immediate medical attention.
- On skin: wash immediately with soap and water
- Inhalation: move to a well ventilated area; seek medical advice if irritation occurs
- Ingestion: do not induce vomiting. Seek medical advice.