

Drimarine K Simple Dyeing Method

Drimarine K is a COLD to WARM fibre reactive dye that is stable in both powder and liquid form. Suitable for the dye bath, hand painting and printing. Good tinctorial strength and good wash/light fastness. Especially good for hand-painters as they have a long shelf life once made into liquid form.

Suitable for all natural fibres, silk, wool, linen, cotton, viscose/rayon. Silk, Cotton and other cellulose fibres will dye best of all.

25g (5 teaspoons) dye powder will dye 500g fabric to full strength – for paler shades use less dye

Use enough water to cover your fabric

For every litre of water in your dye bath you will need;

1. 50gms COOKING SALT (3 tablespoons)
2. 20gms SODA ASH (4 teaspoons)

Note: Soda Ash is a very strong alkali and tends to weaken and perish silk. Use half the amount of Soda Ash in any recipe or use PAINTING POWDER instead.

Weigh your fabric (dry) and measure out dye powder; 1 teaspoon dye = 5gms
=100gms fabric

Dissolve your dye powder in boiling water

- Select a bucket, or any receptacle large enough for your purpose
- Measure enough HOT water, by the litre, into your dye bath to cover fabric
- For every litre of water you will need the salt solution
- Dissolve salt & dye, and add to the dye bath, stirring well
- Add the fabric (wet) and stir again
- Leave to stand for 30 – 40 minutes, stirring regularly for even penetration
- When colour saturation is complete, add Soda Ash (dissolved in hot water) to the dye bath and stir well. This is the fixing agent.
- Leave to stand for a further 30 – 40 minutes, stirring from time to time
- Remove the fabric from the dye bath, squeeze out excess liquid and wash thoroughly in hot, soapy water until water runs clear