

Country Classic Dyes

The condensed professional dye for Wool, Silk, Mohair, Angora, Cashmere and Nylon with a "No-Hassle" procedure. Nothing to add but water. Very little to measure. Lots of fun, **Country Classic Dyes** are easy, rapid and complete.

Country Classic Dyes were formulated expressly for the craftsperson interested in dyeing animal fiber, fabric and yarn. Fabric may be dyed using the alternate dyeing method.

All fiber and yarn should be given a hot wash before dyeing to remove any soil or residual grease. Use 1 tsp. Palmolive liquid dish wash detergent (or equivalent) and 1 tsp. Washing soda for 1 pound (4 x 4 oz. skeins) of wool yarn in very hot water. Rinse well, squeeze out excess water and enter into dye bath.

For your dye pot, use stainless steel or unchipped enamel pot. Pyrex is fine for small skeins. Use an amount of water sufficient to cover the wool. Usually this is 2.5 to 3.5 gallons for 1 pound of wool or 2.5 to 3.5 quarts for a 4 oz. skein.

For 1 lb. of wool use 1/2 the jar of dye or approximately 7.5 tsp. For 4 oz. skein use 1.75 tsp. dye. To dissolve, add a small quantity of boiling water to the dye. Mix well and add to the dye bath.

Heat the dye bath to boiling and carefully add the skeins. Boil for 30 minutes while continually moving the skeins to obtain uniform dyeing. Remove the skeins and rinse well in warm water. Squeeze out excess water and hang to dry.

Alternate method: For more level or uniform results, start with dye bath at room temperature. Add dissolved dye and the washed wool. Heat slowly to a boil while moving the yarn intermittently. Dye only 20 minutes at the boil. Remove the wool and rinse well in warm water. Squeeze out water and dry.

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Variegated or Rainbow Dyeing with *Country Classic Dyes*

Wet wool fiber, yarn or fabric by soaking in a solution containing 1/4 tsp. Palmolive liquid detergent (or equivalent) and 3 Tbls. white vinegar per quart of luke warm water. Put on gloves, squeeze out excess water and lay wool on plastic sheet.

Make dye solution by measuring 1 to 10 tsp. **Country Classic Dyes** into a Pyrex cup. Dissolve dye in a little boiling water. Add more boiling water to make 1 cup. Cool before using.

Sprinkle, spray or pour the dye solution onto areas of the wool. Alternate or vary with other colors for desired pattern. Press dye into wool for thorough saturation of color.

Carefully place wool on perforated vegetable steamer or in top half of clam steamer. Add water to bottom of pot, cover pot and apply heat. When water boils, time steaming for 20 minutes.

Remove, rinse well in warm water, squeeze excess and dry.

Country Classic Dyes are perfect for redying or over dyeing garments made of wool, cashmere, mohair, silk, angora and nylon.



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