

# How to Dye with Bengala

Bengala Dye is a natural dye solution that you only need water to dye with. You need neither hot water nor mordant. The secret is to knead the fabric to get the dye to take. Follow the directions and enjoy Bengala Dyeing!



Put water in a bucket at a level just enough to cover the fabric.



Soak the material in the water and ring it out lightly.

**Tip:** Wash the material prior to the weaving process in order for the dye to take well.



Shake the Bengala Dye bottle well. The pigment settles on the bottom of the bottle. Pour 1-2 caps full using the cover of the dye bottle to measurement out the dye. Mix well.



**Tip:** Do not start with too much dye solution in the water. You can always add more.



Keep kneading until you get the darkness/deepness of color that you want.

**Tip:** The color gets lighter once the fabric is dried, so it is better to take this into account and dye more expecting it to lighten as it dries.



Wring out well by hand and dry .

**Tip:** 1. You can get rid of more moisture by wrapping the dyed fabric in a towel when wringing it out.



**Tip:** 2. The color remains stable once the fabric is dry.

The fabric gets a smooth texture as well as the dye takes well if it is tumble dried after dyeing.



## Material used for dyeing

Cotton, Linen, Hemp,  
Ramie, paper, Rayon,  
Wool, Silk, etc  
You can dye old clothes too!

## Ingredients

Iron (III) oxide from the soil,  
Natural rubber latex, Water

## When you dye ...

It's good to wash the fabric before dyeing if it has starch, oil, stains or dirt.

\*Shake the fabric in the dye solution and press gently, rather than kneading firmly, when you dye delicate materials such as wool and silk.

## About fading

When the fabric has been dyed and needs to be washed, wash it separately by hand the first a couple of times as a little of the dye may come out. After that, you can wash it with other items in a washing machine. It won't fade when air-dried.

## To store the dye solution

You can keep the left over dye solution after dyeing for up to 5 days and the Bengala dye solution once opened for up to a year. In both cases store in a cool area and in summer, store in the refrigerator.

## More Info

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