

Dye Instructions

How to Use Rit Dye Liquid for Dyeing Fabric

Note: These are general guidelines. Always check your specific dye and fabric labels for any special instructions.

What You'll Need

- Rit Liquid Dye (shake well before use)
- Hot water
- Salt (for cotton, linen, rayon) or Vinegar (for nylon, silk, wool)
- Dish detergent (optional, for more even dyeing)
- Stainless steel pot (for stovetop method) or top-loading washing machine
- Rubber gloves
- Stirring stick or tongs
- Plastic or stainless container (for soaking or rinsing)

Before You Start

1. **Pre-wash your fabric** to remove finishes or residues that may interfere with dye absorption.
2. **Identify your fabric type** to select the correct additive:
 - **Cotton, linen, rayon:** Use 1 cup salt per gallon of water
 - **Nylon, silk, wool:** Use 1 cup vinegar per gallon of water

Method 1: Stovetop Dyeing (Best for Even Results)

Step 1: Prepare the Dye Bath

- Fill a large stainless-steel pot with enough water to fully cover the fabric. Heat to just below boiling (~140°F / 60°C or higher).
- Add 1 bottle of Rit Dye per 1–2 pounds of fabric.
- Stir in 1 cup of salt or vinegar, depending on fabric type.
- Add 1 teaspoon of dish detergent (optional, helps create an even color).
- Stir thoroughly to mix all ingredients.

Step 2: Dye the Fabric

- Wet the fabric with hot water before adding it to the dye bath.
- Submerge the fabric and stir continuously for 10 to 30 minutes, depending on desired color intensity. Longer soaking results in deeper color.

Step 3: Rinse and Wash

- Rinse fabric in warm water, gradually switching to cooler water until rinse water runs clear.
- Wash the fabric separately in warm water with mild detergent.
- Air dry or machine dry as preferred.

Method 2: Washing Machine Dyeing (Top-Loader Only)

Step 1: Fill the Machine

- Fill the washer with the hottest water safe for your fabric.
- Add 1 bottle of Rit Dye per load (use double for darker colors).
- Add 1 cup salt or vinegar, and dish detergent if desired.

Step 2: Dye the Fabric

- Add the wet fabric and start agitation for 30 to 60 minutes. Longer agitation yields a deeper color.
- If possible, pause and restart the cycle to maintain hot water and ensure even dyeing.

Step 3: Rinse and Wash

- Run a full wash cycle with mild detergent after dyeing.
- Rinse with warm, then cool water until the rinse water is clear.
- Wash the dyed fabric separately for the first few washes to avoid color transfer.

Tips for Best Results

- Always wear rubber gloves to protect your hands from stains.
- For darker colors, increase the amount of dye and extend the dyeing time.
- Avoid dyeing synthetic fabrics like polyester unless you are using Rit Dye More, which is specifically formulated for synthetics.