HOW TO USE SIMPLICOL FABRIC DYE EXPERT



Application of simplicol expert

Which textiles can I dye?

simplicol Textile Dye expert is suitable for wool (except for cashmere, mohair, and angora) and silk and for all textiles made from cotton, viscose, linen, and mixed fabrics. Mixed fabrics are textiles made from the above-mentioned natural fibres with a maximum of 50 % polyester, polyamide, and polyacrylic content. The colour shade is lighter when used on mixed fabrics. The colour on the label is only produced when dyeing white textiles. Mixed shades can occur when used on coloured fabric.



Preparation:

One packet dyes approx. 300 g of fabric to the full shade. A larger wash load will result in a lighter tone. The fabric must be clean and stain-free. Before dyeing, wash out any fabric softeners, finishes, and agents used to disinfect the laundry.



Dyeing in the washing machine:

Place clean fabric loosely in the washing machine or top loader. Cut open the top of the sachet and place it on the textiles in the drum. Where appropriate, add fixative to the softener compartment. Start a 60°C easy-care cycle without pre wash and select the water plus option, if available. For silk, add 750 ml of vinegar through the detergent compartment. After dyeing, remove the sachet from the drum and rewash the dyed textiles in the machine on a delicate cycle at maximum 40 °C.



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Dyeing in a bowl or bucket:

Wear rubber gloves. Fill a plastic bowl or bucket with 6 litres of hot water at 60 °C (equivalent to 4 litres of boiling and 2 litres of cold water). Dissolve the entire contents of the sachet. Only add 300 ml of vinegar (or 50 ml of 25 % vinegar essence) when dyeing silk. Fully immerse the clean fabric and dye for one hour while stirring. Finally, rewash the textiles at 40 °C using detergent.

Dye wool and silk in a pot:



This method is suitable for very delicate silk, wool (except for mohair, cashmere, and angora), and wool blends, which cannot be dyed in the machine or in a bowl. However, you can dye these textiles against the manufacturer's advice at 60 °C and above. Gently handle the textiles to be dyed and avoid sudden changes in temperature. However, please note: When dyeing wool-as with washing wool-there is always a risk of shrinkage and felting.Wear rubber gloves. Fill a large pot with 6 litres of lukewarm water. Stir in and dissolve the entire contents of the sachet. Add around 300 ml of vinegar (or approxiedmately 50 ml of 25 % vinegar essence). Fully immerse the clean fabric. Heat the dye bath on a medium heat while stirring gently until the fabric starts to absorb the colour. It is helpful to use a sugar thermometer: it must read at least 60 °C. Maintain the temperature and continue to dye for around one hour. Stir gently and more frequently so that the dye is even. Remove the pot from the hob and leave to cool while stirring occasionally. Carefully rinse the textiles in warm water while the dye bath is still lukewarm. Then wash separately at no higher than 40 °C.



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Colour Fixative expert:

Clothing dyed with simplicol Textile Dye expert can fade somewhat and should be washed with similar colours at max. 40 °C. simplicol Colour Fixative expert improves the colour brilliance and durability of simplicol Textile Dye expert.

Dyeing and fixing in one step:

You can dye your textiles in the washing machine and fix the colour in the rinse cycle at the same time. Simply follow the dyeing instructions. Subsequent fixing: When dyeing in a bowl or pot, the colours are fixed afterwards. Rinse the textiles well beforehand. Washing machine: Select the rinse cycle and add 1 bottle of fixative to the softener compartment. Run the programme. Bowl: Add 1 bottle of fixative to 8 litres of cold water. Lay the dyed item of clothing in the fixative bath for 15 minutes and stir the fabric regularly. Rinse well.

Recommendation:

Wash with a mild detergent and repeat the fixing process after a few wash cycles, if necessary.

Important information

- Use a maximum of 3 simplicol Textile Dye expert packets per dyeing process.
- No more than 1200 g of laundry can be dyed at once.
- Patterns often remain visible after dyeing. Polyester stitching and zips do not absorb the colour.

• Stains, faded spots, or bleachmarks are sometimes not completely concealed by the dye.

• Pure synthetics such as polyester, polyamide, and acrylic, and textiles with special finishes cannot be dyed.

• In the unlikely event that residual dye remains on the machine and plastic components, you can wipe it off with a 5 - 10 % solution of standard chlorine bleach.

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