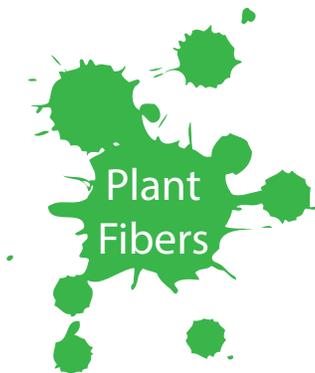


What do you want to dye?	What kind of dye do you need?	How does it work? Tips and tricks?
 <p>Cotton</p> <p>Linen</p> <p>Bamboo</p>	<p>Fiber Reactive MX Procion</p> <p>(These are all different "brand" names for the same kind of dye. They all work the same.)</p>	<p>Dharma Trading (www.dharmatrading.com) has great instructions for vat dyeing a large piece of fabric a semi-solid color.</p> <p>For low-water techniques like tie dye, use 1/2 tsp of dye dissolved in 1 cup of water. Add 1/2 tsp of salt to help intensify dark colors. Apply the color with squirt bottles, paint brushes etc.</p> <p>These dyes DO NOT require heat to set. Heat will break down some colors and interfere with the process. They DO NEED soda ash to make the chemical reaction happen and make the colors permanent. Make a solution of 1 tbsp soda ash to 1 c water. For best results, soak your fabric in soda ash solution before adding the dye. Ring out excess soda solution and then add the dyes. Let it set 4 hours - overnight before rinsing.</p>
 <p>Either Or</p>	<p>Dyes for Plant fibers (above) OR Dyes for Animal fibers (below) OR Colorhue Instant-Set Dyes</p>	<p>Silk can be dyed using several different techniques. Procion dyes and Instant-Set dyes will create more subdued colors than acid dyes. For Instant-Set dyes, read the instructions on the package.</p>
 <p>Wool</p> <p>Nylon</p>	<p>Acid Dye</p> <p>Washfast Acid Dye</p>	<p>Pre-soak your fabric/fiber in a solution of white vinegar or 1 tbsp citric acid crystals dissolved in 4 cups of water. Allow it to soak for at least 30 minutes and ring out excess.</p> <p>Mix 1/2 tsp dye to 1 c water. (You can adjust this slightly to make the color darker or lighter.) Apply the color with squirt bottles, paint brushes etc.</p> <p>These dyes DO REQUIRE HEAT to set. Wrap in plastic and steam on the stovetop for 40 minutes. See Dharma Trading for instructions on vat dyeing with acid dyes. Heat set and then rinse thoroughly.</p>
 <p>Polyester</p> <p>Acrylic</p>	<p>iDye Poly by Jacquard</p> <p>Leave it to the professionals. Sorry.</p>	<p>iDye - Read the instructions on the package. Colors are not extremely colorfast and can fade over time. Stovetop method gives better results than washing machine method.</p>