

Dylon Tie Dyeing in the microwave oven!

Using your microwave oven to dye garments might sound a little strange, but it's easy, quick and fun. In just four minutes "cooking" time you can get stunning, colourful and colourfast results e.g. T-shirts, tops, shorts.



It is advisable to use these techniques on natural fibres – silks, cotton, linen, canvas. Because of the HEAT factor involved, Microdyeing is not suitable for Wool.

Note: do not use on rayon or viscose as these fabrics can give off harmful fumes.



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make sure there is no metal on the fabric/garment.
2. Wash fabric, rinse thoroughly and leave damp.
3. Prepare special effect (tying, banding, knotting etc.)
4. Wearing rubber gloves, dissolve dye in 500ml warm water.
5. Immerse the fabric/garment to the dye solution and work in the dye.
6. Add enough warm water to cover the garment to be dyed. If your garment is too big for the amount of dye solution you have in the bowl you can add more warm water, the more water you add the you will reduce the intensity of the colour in the end result.
7. Cover the bowl in a plastic bag, then put in the microwave. Set on high for 4 minutes. (high temp for approx 800w)
8. Pour liquid away carefully. Rinse fabric in cold water.
9. **To protect your pattern, do not open until water runs clear.**
10. After rinsing, hand wash in warm water with washing detergent to remove all excess dye. Dry in the shade away from direct heat and sunlight.
11. Although the colour is now permanent, wash the item separately or with darker colours for the first wash and do not bleach.

Note: Dylon Cold Water Dyes can also be used for Microwave Dyeing, use one tin of dye plus one sachet of Cold Dye Fix and 2 dessert spoons of salt.

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