

Kitchen Dyeing

Fun for Everyone

Fiber preparation

1. Choose your animal/protein fiber
 - a. Wool
 - b. Alpaca
 - c. Silk
 - d. mohair
2. Prepare your fiber
 - a. Pre soak in a vinegar and water solution for 30 min minimum best if overnight
 - b. If silk soak overnight for best results!



Prepare Your Space

- Newspaper on surfaces
- Plastic wrap
- Rubber gloves
- Tooth picks
- Supplies
- Paper towels
- Not nice towels
- Apron
- Dye clothes
- Prepare to get messy!



Wilton Icing Gel Dye or Performance Color System

- Wilton Gel
 - Dissolve the gel in a small amount of boiling water
 - Add cool water
 - For colors not containing acid (colors other than orange, red, yellow, pink) add 1 tsp. Of vinegar to dye solution.
- Wilton Drops
 - Add Desired drops to the container and add water.
- Place dye solution in a squeeze bottle or other container
- FOOD SAFE
- Kids can help!
- Great for handpainted roving and yarn.

Wilton Dyes in Wilton Squeeze Bottles



Koolaid

- Does not require vinegar in the presoak
- I usually do this as a dye pot and not hand painted.
- Easy to do in a crockpot or on the stove in a big pot/pan.
- Heat to temperature (roughly 180 degrees F) sprinkle in the koolaid packet. Let it sit for a bit.



Application Methods

- Dye Pots
 - You don't always have to presoak.
 - Throw it in and heat it up.
 - Add the color.
 - Have fun and mix it up!
 - Combine wilton and kool aid, etc.
 - Let heat to about 180 degrees F or so
 - Let sit overnight or til cool
 - You can strain it and let it cool
 - Rinse
 - Dry
- Hand painting
 - Lay out some plastic wrap.
 - Bottles to apply it
 - Tooth picks to poke the fiber
 - Gloves!
 - Pre soak is important
 - Have fun with colors
 - Works great with wilton dyes

Pizza Pie Dye Method

- Spiral the fiber in a big pizza circle
- “Slice” it with colors
- Add splotches of “toppings”
- Have fun with it





Zig zag



Setting your handpainted fiber

- Microwave

- Wrap in plastic wrap
- Place in glass dish
- Microwave 3 to 5 min
- Let cool a few minutes
- Microwave again for 3 to 5 minutes
- Best with wool or alpaca
- For silk only microwave in 2 to 3 min increments
- Pull out and plop in a bowl til it is cool
- Rinse in water that is warmer than your fiber.
- Hang to dry on a hanger in the shower or lay over a drying rack

- Oven steamer

- Make sure your plastic wrap is the food grade industrial type that won't melt
- Place in a roaster pan with some water
- Leave in the oven at 180 degrees F for 30 minutes.
- Turn off oven and let it sit overnight or pull it out and let it cool.
- Rinse
- Dry

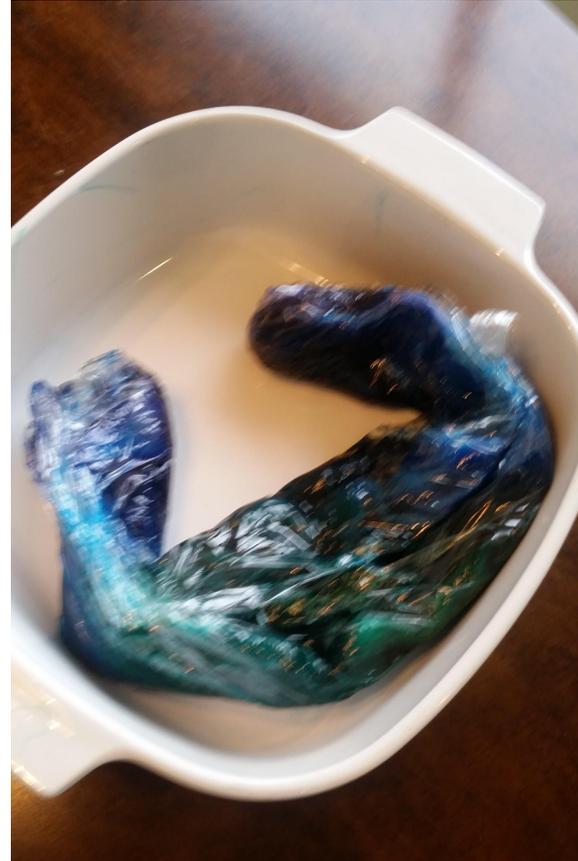
Wilton Dye Pot



Koolaid Dyepot



Ready to microwave



Steamy



Some results

