CUT OUT AND KEEP

Fibre guide to Dyeing



Cellulose fibres Typically those made from plant matter and include cotton, linen, rayon, hemp, ramie, lyocell (tencel), bamboo, and pineapple plant fibre.	 Fibre reactive dyes (best results) Direct dyes Vat dyes All purpose dyes Naphthol dyes
Protein fibres Usually the hair of animals: wool, angora, mohair, cashmere, etc. Silk (including soy silk) is the only non-hair animal fibre. It can be dyed like wool or like cellulose fibres.	 Acid dyes (usually best choice) Acidic reactive dyes Natural dyes Vat dyes All-purpose dyes
Synthetic fibres	
Polyester	Disperse dyes
Nylon	Reacts much like protein fibre • Acid dyes (better) • Disperse dyes
Spandex	 Metal complex acid dyes note: polyester spandex blends cannot be dyed.
Acetate/Acetate Rayon	Disperse dyes
Acrylic	Disperse dyesBasic dyes
Blends	
Acrylic and wool blends	Acid dyes will colour both the acrylic and the wool.
Silk and linen blends	Fibre-reactive dye in the first instance, and then follow it up with an acid dye. You can try an all-purpose dye instead, but the colour won't be as intense.
Cotton and spandex	Fibre-reactive dyes
Blended fabrics with both synthetic and natural fibres	Depending on the blend, all-purpose dyes or dyeing in a two-step process.