

How to Use BENGALA Pre-fixer

Use the same steps for
Susuzome Soot Dye and
Aijozome Indigo Dye.

Bengala Dye Pre-fixer is an ionizing agent that helps bond the Bengala pigments firmly to the fiber. As a result, the colors of your fabric will be deeper, more vibrant and longer lasting. Patterns created with shibori techniques (e.g. tie-dye, shape resist-dye) will be clearer if the fabric is treated with the pre-fixer. Even though it means taking a little time for preparation, using the pre-fixer has many benefits. You can even dye synthetic fibers, like nylon or poly, without mordant or hot water. And pre-fixed fabrics require less Bengala dye to take on deep colors.

1. Weigh the fabric you are going to dye.



2. Make the pre-fixer solution.

- Use an amount of water that is 10 times the weight of fabric.
- Measure an amount of pre-fixer that is 3% of the weight of the fabric.
- Add pre-fixer to the water and mix well.



3. Pre-wet the fabric well in a separate bucket (not in the bucket with the pre-fixer) and squeeze lightly.

Tip: Pre-wash the fabric if it has starch, oil, stains or dirt.



4. Put the wet fabric in the pre-fixer solution and permeate through the whole area.



5. Knead and stir the fabric evenly for 1-2 minutes in the pre-fixer solution.

6. Wring out the fabric well.

7. Rinse the fabric twice in clean water.

Tip: Rinsing is important in order to get rid of excess pre-fixer.



8. Wring out the fabric well. You can also use the spin cycle of a washing machine for 1 min.

9. You are ready to do Bengala/Susuzome/Aijo Indigo dyeing. Enjoy!

Tip: You can start dyeing right away, or you can dry pre-fixed fabrics and keep for later. Once the pre-fixed fabric dries, make sure you wet the fabric before you start dyeing.

Ingredients

Cation (Positive Ion Surfactant)

Precautions

- For sensitive skin, wear rubber gloves.
- If the pre-fixer gets into your eyes, wash your eyes well.
- If you drink it by accident, drink clean water and seek medical attention as soon as possible.

How to store

Store in a cool place for up to 2 years after being opened.

Where to shop

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