



# Basic Dye Instructions

**Read through all instructions before beginning your project.**

## For wood & reeds, acrylic fibers, most plastics and leather

### Dyeing Wood and Reeds

1. Weigh your materials. Use 1-3% dye based on the total weight of material. For Black and Brown, use up to 5%.
2. Fill pot with just enough hot water to cover the material. Add ½ cup/118 ml vinegar (1 tsp./5 ml citric acid) per 1 gal/3.79 L of liquid. Add the dye and stir until completely dissolved.
3. Add your wood/reed materials. Let sit for 10-20 minutes, stirring often.
4. Remove material and rinse in cold water.

**To dye acrylic, fabric, plastic or other hard-to-dye materials**, dye on the stovetop at 185°F/85°C. The hotter the temp of the dye bath, the more intense the color will become. Extending the dyeing time will also produce deeper shades.

**To create a paintable mixture that will not damage wood or leather**, add approx. ½ TBS./ 7.5 ml dye to 1 cup/0.24 L denatured alcohol or solvent. Apply multiple coats until desired shade is reached. Rinse with water or alcohol.