



Hand Painting on Wool

Breeze, Henna 20013

Volume: 250.0 ml, Strength: 1.0%

The pure colors used to make **Henna** are:

- WF Sun Yellow 119 - 45.5%
- WF Magenta 338 - 45.5%
- WF Brilliant Blue 490 - 9.0%

Step 1. Soak the fiber

Soak the fiber for at least 30 minutes in enough acid soak solution to completely cover it. Use the **Acid Soak Solution** page to get instructions for mixing up a batch of acid soak solution. This solution can be stored indefinitely and reused.

Step 2. Make the dye solution

Make 250.0 ml of a 1.0% solution of **Henna**. Use the **Dye Stock Solution** page to get instructions for making the 1.0% solutions of each component color. Unused dye solutions can be stored for up to 6 months in a plastic container with a tightly fitting lid.

- 113.8 ml 1.0% WF Sun Yellow 119
- 113.8 ml 1.0% WF Magenta 338
- 22.5 ml 1.0% WF Brilliant Blue 490

Measure the dye solutions and pour them into a plastic container with a tightly fitting lid. Shake to mix well.

Step 3. Apply the dye to the fiber

Wearing gloves, gently squeeze out the excess acid soak solution from your fiber. Lay the fiber onto plastic wrap and apply the 1.0% solution of **Henna** to the fiber using a squeeze bottle, sponge brush, syringe or other method of your choice. If you want some areas of lighter color, you can take some of the dye solution and dilute it. Work the dye solution into the fiber until you are satisfied that the fiber is well saturated but not dripping wet. Carefully wrap the fiber in the plastic wrap. If you are dyeing silk, let the fiber rest for at least 30 minutes to get richer color.

Step 4. Set the dye

Place the plastic wrapped fiber in a stainless steel colander or vegetable steamer and put it in a stainless steel, enamel-coated or pyrex pot. Add some water to the pot, but do not let the water touch the fiber bundle. Cover the pot and place it on the stove and let it steam for about 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, turn off the heat and let the fiber cool to room temperature.

Step 5. Rinse the fiber

Unwrap the fiber and rinse it gently and thoroughly in room temperature water. Gently squeeze out the excess water and let the fiber air dry.

Project Notes:

This document is an example of a recipe for hand painting on wool with dye solution. Use your recipes to document your dyeing projects. Print them out and attach samples of the dyed yarn or fleece. Place them in clear page protectors and store them in a three-ring binder.

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