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LANDSCAPES DYE FAQs

- **ARE LANDSCAPES DYES TOXIC?** **NO** they're based on Acid Wool Dyes which are safe to use. If you have concerns you can ask for an SDS [Safety Data Sheet]. If you still have any concerns we advise you don't use them. Wear gloves, work in a well ventilated space and wear a respirator mask if you feel more comfortable.
- **IS THE COLOUR OF THE POWDER RELEVANT TO THE DYED COLOUR?**
NO sometimes the powders can look like another colour – if you make a small solution of the dye powder it will show you the right colour.
- **DO I NEED TO ADD ANYTHING TO THE DYEBATH?** **NO** Landscapes are a mixture of dye and powdered auxiliaries which is formulated to help the dye exhaust onto the fibre. You need to follow the instructions and allow the dye to do its job over the dyeing time. The addition of a small amount of White Vinegar towards the end of the dyeing time is helpful when dyeing silk to fix any dye left in the dyebath. Adding White Vinegar at the beginning of the dyebath is not necessary.
- **ARE LANDSCAPES PURE DYE?** **NO** they are a mixture of dye concentrates and auxiliaries designed to eliminate the need to use other chemicals.
- **WILL LANDSCAPES DYE COTTON [CELLULOSE]** **NO** it may stain other fibres but not dye a heavy shade also may not be colour fast.
- **WHAT OTHER FIBRES WILL LANDSCAPES DYE?** NYLON, SILK, SOY, LATTE – protein fibres - not polyester or acrylic or cellulose.
- **CAN I MAKE THE DYES INTO SOLUTION AND KEEP THEM?** **YES** but some may settle in the bottom of the container and need to be heated to redissolve them. You will also need to add some Meth's to stop any bio contamination.
- **CAN I HAND PAINT LANDSCAPES?** **YES** they will need to be steamed to fix. Leaving them wrapped in plastic for 24 hours doesn't fix them.
- **WHY DOES THE DYE WASH OUT AFTER I'VE DYED THE FIBRE?**
If you use too much dye it will take a long time for it to properly exhaust into the fibre and will wash out and rub off onto your hands. Try to only use what you need and dye for the recommended dyeing time.
- **WHY ARE SOME OF THE JARS OF DYE FULLER THAN OTHERS?** Some dyes are heavier and denser than others while others are fluffier.
- **WHY DO I GET UNEVEN DYEINGS?** If you use too much dye or if your dyebath is very cramped your dyeing may be uneven. You also need to stir regularly and make sure there is no fibre sitting out of the dyebath.
- **WILL LANDSCAPES WORK IN COLD WATER?** **NO** they are hot water dyes.

- **DOES BOILING WOOL DAMAGE THE FIBRE?** **NO** extreme changes in temperature and excessive stirring will felt your fibre. Start the dyebath with warm water and bring it slowly to a simmer. Stir gently to avoid unevenness and allow the dyebath to cool before removing the fibre. Rinse in warm water not cold.
- **ARE THE COLOURS INTERMIXABLE?** **YES**
- **ARE THE LANDSCAPES VEGAN?** Landscapes dyes don't contain any animal products
- **ARE LANDSCAPES BASED ON NATURAL DYES?** **NO**
- **HOW LONG DO THE POWDERS LAST?** Indefinitely.
- **IF THERE IS ANY DYE LEFT IN THE DYEBATH AFTER FINISHING CAN I USE IT ON MORE FIBRE?** **YES**
- **WITH SOME COLOURS IT IS HARDER TO EXHAUST THE DYEBATH** Kingfisher and Opal are based on dyes which come from a different group of Acid Dyes and are slower to exhaust There may always be some dye left in your dyebath with these colours.
- **DO I NEED A SPECIAL DETERGENT TO WASH THE FIBRE AFTER DYEING?** **NO** Landscapes dyes are designed to exhaust onto the fibre – if you have used them correctly a warm rinse until the water runs clear should be sufficient. If you have used excess dye you may need to use some soap.
- **SHOULD I USE A WOOL WASH TO CLEAN MY WOOL BEFORE DYEING?** Some commercial wool wash contains Eucalyptus oil which leaves residue in the fibre and can lead to uneven dyeings. If the detergent contains any alkali it may also affect the ability of the dye to exhaust properly. We recommend using a wool specific fibre scour to clean your wool if it contains any wool fat. Most woollen yarns do not need washing. Soak in warm water to wet the fibre before dyeing.
- **ARE LANDSCAPES DYES ALWAYS EXACTLY THE SAME COLOUR MATCH?** Occasionally the dye concentrates they're based on are no longer available so the original colour has to be matched. This might lead to a very slight colour variation so the new jars are labelled 'shade change '. This is a rare problem.
- **CAN THE LANDSCAPES BE MIXED WITH OTHER WOOL DYES?** **YES** as long as they are used the same way.
- **WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO DISSOLVE THE DYE?** Use plenty of very hot or boiling water. DO NOT attempt to paste the dyes with a small amount of water – this will lead to a solid lump of goo which will not dissolve!!

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