

Dyeing and Painting Carpet using WashFast Acid Dyes

Please read directions carefully before starting.

For dyeing and painting nylon or wool carpets. It is important to sample before working on large projects. For additional information visit our web site at www.prochemicalanddye.com.

- ✘ Wear rubber gloves, apron or old clothes.
- ✘ Utensils used for dyeing should not be used for food preparation.

Supplies

WashFast Acid Dye
 Fix OR

Procedure: to make 1 Quart (1 liter) of Dye Solution

1. **Steam clean rug** before attempting to dye to make sure fiber is free of dirt and is ready to accept the color.
2. **Dissolve the desired amount of dye** from the chart below in ½ cup (120 ml) very hot water, then add boiling water to make 2 cups (500 ml).

| | Pale | Medium | Dark |
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| Dye Powder | 1 tsp (2.5 gm) | 4 tsp (10 gm) | 10 tsp (25 gm) |

3. **Add 1¼ cups (438 ml) of cool water** to bring the temperature down to 120° to 140°F (49° to 60°C). Add 2 oz (¼ cup) (60 ml) of Fix OR.
4. **Apply dye solution** by keeping the container in a water bath heated to 130° to 140°F (55° to 60°C). Wear rubber gloves while applying the dye solution. After painting, allow the area to dry for 24 hours in an area that is heated above 70°F (21°C).
5. **Set dye by steaming** with a commercial carpet steamer for large areas, or a steam iron for small areas. Steaming times of 5 to 8 minutes are usually sufficient

NOTE: Should washing of the dyed carpet be required, use a solution of water containing 1-2 tablespoons of Snowy Bleach per gallon. Best wash temperature is between 80° and 100°F (27° to 38°C).

ALWAYS TEST ON HIDDEN AREA OR SCRAP PIECE BEFORE DYEING WHOLE AREA.