Remove Permanent Press Finish

Please read directions carefully before starting.

If your fabric is treated with a permanent press finish, you need to remove it prior to dyeing. This recipe treats 1 pound (454 gm) of fiber. It is important to work in a well-ventilated area and use gloves, safety glasses and a cartridge respirator fitted with an acid gas cartridge. Always do test samples before working on a large project. For additional information visit our web site at www.prochemicalanddye.com.

Use extra caution when using this procedure.
Wear rubber gloves, apron, or old clothes and cover work area with newspapers.
Dye utensils should never be used for food preparation.

Supplies
PRO Dye Activator or Soda Ash
Synthrapol
Hydrochloric acid (muriatic acid 30%-35% strength)

Procedure
1. **Scour the fabric** by machine washing in HOT 140°F (60°C) water, or by hand in a pot on the stove with ½ tsp (2 gm) PRO Dye Activator or Soda Ash and ½ tsp Synthrapol per pound of fabric (454 gm, or 3 to 4 yards cotton muslin, or 3 Medium T-shirts, or 1 sweatshirt). Rinse thoroughly. Fabric is ready for the permanent press removal bath or it can be dried and treated later.

2. **Make the bath.** Measure 2 gallons (8 liters) of cool water into a non reactive stainless steel or enamel pot. Carefully add 1 Tbl (15 ml) hydrochloric (muriatic) acid.

3. **Add the washed fabric** and heat the bath to 185°F (85°C) with intermittent stirring for twenty minutes.

4. **Rinse thoroughly** in warm water and fabric is ready for a dye bath or it can be dried and dyed later.

It is very important to always add acid to water. Never add water to acid.

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