

RETAYNE is a color fixative for commercially dyed cotton, linen and rayon fabric that bleeds. Use it in your washing machine or by hand washing with hot water. Only one application is necessary.

When to use Retayne – test your fabric!

Note: Cath pre-washes all cotton fabrics with Retayne.

1. Dampen a small square of 100% cotton white muslin.
2. Place it on top of the colored fabric to be tested.
3. Iron the fabrics with a hot iron until dry.
4. Inspect the muslin. If there is any transfer of color, then treat your fabric with Retayne.

How to use Retayne

Washing machine:

1. Estimate the amount of water needed to cover your fabric. Fill your washing machine to this level with 140°F (60°C) water. Boil water on the stove and add it to the washing machine if your hot tap water is not hot enough.
2. Add 1 teaspoon of Retayne for each yard of fabric.
3. Add dry cotton fabric. Set the washing machine for a 20 minute wash / soak cycle. Rinse with cold water and dry at once.

Hand wash:

1. Use an old enamel canning kettle that is not used for food preparation and heat the water to 140°F.
2. Add 1 teaspoon of Retayne for each yard of fabric.
3. Add dry fabric. Swish your fabric around in the hot Retayne bath for 20 minutes with a spoon or wooden dowel. After 20 minutes, rinse with cold water and dry at once.

How to care for fabric treated with Retayne:

Launder treated fabric in warm water with a cold rinse. Do not wash it in hot water.

SYNTHRAPOL will remove excess dye from hand dyed fabrics, remove sizing from fabric before dyeing, if for use in the dye bath for even color and is a concentrated wetting agent, known as a surfactant.

When to use Synthrapol

- ✓ To wash hand dyed fabrics before using them in a garment or quilt.
- ✓ When fabric is already quilted and bleeds into adjacent fabric.
- ✓ To soak fabric before dyeing.

How to wash fabric with Synthrapol

Washing machine:

1. Fill your washing machine with 140°F water. Boil water on the stove and add it to the washing machine if your hot tap water is not hot enough.
2. Once the washing machine is filled, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of Synthrapol. This is just enough to form ¼" of suds in the machine.
3. Add your dry cotton fabric and let the machine run for a 10 to 12 minute wash. Let the machine run through the complete cycle with a warm rinse, then dry.

Hand wash:

1. Use the sink, a plastic tub, or an old enamel canning kettle this is not used for food preparation. Heat the water to 140°F.
2. Add 1 teaspoon of Synthrapol per gallon of water.
3. Add dry hand dyed fabric. Swish your fabric around in the hot Synthrapol bath for 5 to 10 minutes with a spoon or wooden dowel. Rinse well in warm water and dry.

How to care for fabric treated with Synthrapol:

Launder hand dyed fabric in warm water with a cold rinse. Do not wash it in hot water.