

**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.