



Customer Information

Slipstream unlocks the infinite potential of cloth with hand crafted colour.

What Is In A Bag Of Dye?

- We supply a quality fabric dye, pre-packaged in a convenient single-use sachet for home use.
- The sachets are perfect for a single project. Inside is a single dose of intense dye powder.
- It is available in gold, orange, red, burgundy, pink, purple, turquoise, royal blue, navy, lime green, dark green, khaki, brown and black.

What Is In A Box Of 1?

- You will find a pair of gloves and an apron in the box to protect your clothing and skin.
- We add instructions for use (in case you do not have a copy of Contemporary Dyecraft / Eietydse Kleurkuns).
- We include best practice tips for waste disposal.
- We include a sachet of dye, a sachet of salt and a sachet of soda ash (fixative).
- The coloured ribbon around the box indicates the colour inside. Do not expect an exact colour-match. The ribbon is simply a guideline. Different fabric base cloths will result in variances of shade and it is impossible for us to claim an exact colour-match.
- The packaging is suitable for hang-sale on pegs and displays well if stacked.

What Is In A Box Of 3?

- A Box Of 3 contains three sachets of dye in the same colour, along with the usual bits.
- They work out more cost-effective than the Box Of 1.

What Is In A Box Of 5?

- A Box Of 5 is packed in a particular colour Theme, with five different colours of dye in the box, along with the usual bits.
- Themes include Earth, Air, Fire, Water, Camouflage, Brights and Primaries.

What Is In A Box Of 10?

- The Box Of 10 is a Rainbow in a box.
- It contains 3 sachets of gold, three sachets of pink, three sachets of turquoise and one sachet of black, along with all the usual bits.
- This is a cost-effective way of buying dye if you are confident to mix your own colours.

How Much Fabric Can You Dye With A Sachet Of Dye?

- This is like asking “How long is a piece of string?” and will depend on the following factors : How much fabric do you wish to dye? How thick is it? What is the fabric made of? What shade of colour do you want? What technique do you plan to use?
- Mix the powders with 2 liters of hot water for the strongest colour.
- For soft pastel colours, mix the dye powders with 100 liters of water.
- When using submerged techniques, it will dye whatever fabric the fluid can cover. Different fabrics are different weights and widths. You can dye 20 meters of chiffon silk in the same fluid that you use for 1 meter of heavy towelling.
- When using techniques where you dip the fabric, the dye will go further.
- Syringe techniques will use varying quantities.
- For more information on different techniques, we suggest you purchase a copy of Contemporary Dyecraft / Eietydse Kleurkuns (Metz Press).

What Fabric Can You Dye With Slipstream Dye?

- Slipstream dye works best on natural plant fibers.
- These include cotton, linen, hemp and bamboo.
- Examples include T-shirting, towelling, denim, corduroy, cotton velvet, chambre, muslin, poplin, seedcloth, calico, twill, drill...
- Poly/cotton blends will give varying results and pastel shades.
- You can dye animal fibers like silk, leather and wool. We recommend shorter exposure times to avoid damaging the fibre. Over-exposure of habotai silk will strip the sheen. We explore silk techniques in Contemporary Dyecraft.

Is The Dye Colour-Fast?

- If used according to our specifications, the colours we use are robust and fast over many washes. Colours are bright, vibrant and lasting, and can withstand regular laundering conditions.

Is It A Hot Or A Cold Dye?

- When reactive dyes were first developed, they discovered that there were two distinct trends in the chemistry.
- Trend 1 : the dye requires boiling to be colour-fast. They called it “Hot”.
- Trend 2 : the dye does not require boiling to be colour-fast. They called it “Cold”.
- This seems logical, only...a cold reactive dye works best at 65-70 degrees.
- Slipstream dye works best at 65-70 degrees.

Who Will Use Slipstream Dye?

- Crafters, Quilters, Weavers, Fibre Artists
- Fashion Designers, Clothing Manufacturers, Screenprinters
- Interior Designers, Decor Manufacturers
- Teachers, Lecturers, Skills Trainers
- Costume Manufacturers, Set and Prop Builders, Photographers
- Kids
- People wanting to recycle their faded denims and stained T-shirts.

Benefits

- People who work with fabric can now enjoy on-demand colour and texture.
- Crafters find a new way of expressing their colourful impulses.
- Everybody has fun when they experience their first Wow Moment!
- Make your own T-shirts and garments. Refresh your old clothes with a new coat of colour or make new ones.
- Make your own décor items. Is there a signature print or colour that you would like to see decorating your home? Make duvet covers, pillowcases and curtains to match.
- Make gifts for friends and family. T-shirts are always popular with the boys, while silk scarves go down very nicely with the girls.
- Re-cycle your faded denims.

Environmental Issues

- We use a quality industrial grade reactive dye that is widely used throughout the garment industry. The chemicals comply with “best practice” industry standards.
- We teach with a respectful eye on the environment. While no human activity is without its footprint, we teach you how to minimize water usage and dispose of your waste materials in a responsible fashion. It is best to attend a class to learn more about the environmental aspects in detail.

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