



absorbit

Stem Dye for Fresh Cut Flowers



- ▶ a systemic floral dye, Absorbit colors flowers through the stem to the blossom
- ▶ use ABSORBIT where large quantities of fresh cut flowers require coloring

available in fourteen colors —

Holiday Red • Perfect Pink • Hot Pink
Deep Blue • Larkspur Blue • Ice Blue • Teal Blue • Purple • Lavender
Holiday Green • Lime • Yellow/Yellow • Orange

— these colors blend beautifully

Experiment or use the mixing guide on the backside, and you'll come up with colors that suit your every need.

DIRECTIONS

1. For best results use only high quality flowers that have been dry-stored in the cooler. Flowers kept in water before dyeing will absorb dye slower.
2. MIX THOROUGHLY 2-3 teaspoons of ABSORBIT per quart of warm (100-110 °F) water. (8-12 teaspoons / gallon)
3. Strip lower foliage and RECUT stems.
4. Place stems in dye solution for 30-60 minutes. Long stemmed flowers should be taken from dye solution at the first sign of color above the calyx.
5. Remove flowers and rinse dye from bottom of stems.
6. Transfer flowers to water with flower food.
The flower color will continue to intensify as the remaining dye within the stems travels upward.

NOTES

- Suggest using latex gloves while dyeing to protect hands from staining.
- Slightly stressed flowers will absorb the dye quicker. It is best to use dry-packed flowers. If flowers have already been hydrated set them out of water for about 3-6 hours before dyeing.
- Not all flowers will absorb the color in the same amount of time. Carnations are very quick to dye while woody-type stems like roses will take longer.
- Roses sometime will have difficulty achieving even coloration. Keep the temperature of the dye mixture at 100-110°F/40°C during dyeing period. This can be done by inserting bucket into a water filled crock pot or on a heat table. If blossom appears spotty after dyeing time transfer to a bucket of warm water and allow hydrating further...overnight to a day.
- Do not increase concentration of dye. Formulation includes a wetting agent that is pre-calibrated. Increasing the wetting agent will actually deter the uptake rather than its prescribed enhancement.
- The 4 oz can of Absorbit contains 22 teaspoons to make 11 quarts of formula.

DISPOSAL

Absorbit dyes are a powder that mixes with water. The solution is absorbed systemically (up the stem) and into the flower petals. When customers are done dyeing flowers they often will simply pour the remaining solution down the drain. The solution is nontoxic and may be disposed of this way. However, the strong color of the dye may cause some concern further down the water treatment system. The disposal method we recommend for leftover dye solution is that they absorb it into a material like sawdust, wood chips or newspaper. These may simply be disposed of in their normal trash.

ABSORBIT Dyes / Color Mixing Guide

Orange Shades

Bittersweet

1 part Yellow/Yellow
1 part Perfect Pink
3 parts Orange

Sunrise Orange

3 parts Orange
1 part Yellow/Yellow

Sonia Rose

1 part Perfect Pink
1 part Orange

Tangerine

3 parts Orange
2 parts Perfect Pink

Coral

4 parts Perfect Pink
1 part Orange

Pink and Red Shades

Pink Blush

9 parts Perfect Pink
9/10 part Yellow/Yellow
1/10 part Larkspur Blue

Dusty Rose

7 parts Perfect Pink
3 parts Lavender

Mauve

3 parts Lavender
2 parts Perfect Pink

Blue Shades

Sky Blue

1 part Deep Blue
1 part Lavender

Navy Blue

9 1/5 parts Deep Blue
4/5 part Orange

Colonial Blue

8 1/2 parts Deep Blue
1 1/2 parts Orange

Steel Blue

4 parts Deep Blue
1 part Orange

Dark Shades

Light Brown

4 1/5 parts Orange
4 1/5 parts Perfect Pink
3/5 part Larkspur Blue

Dark Brown

4 1/2 parts Orange
4 1/2 parts Perfect Pink
1 part Larkspur Blue

Charcoal

1 part Yellow/Yellow
1 part Perfect Pink
1 part Burgundy
1 part Larkspur Blue

Light Shades

Champagne

3 parts Yellow/Yellow
1 part Orange

Butterscotch

4 parts Yellow/Yellow
1 part Orange

Green Shades

Chartreuse

4 parts Yellow/Yellow
1 part Larkspur Blue

Mint

7 parts Yellow/Yellow
3 parts Larkspur Blue

Kelly Green

5 1/2 parts Yellow/Yellow
4 1/2 parts Larkspur Blue

Christmas Green

1 part Yellow/Yellow
1 part Larkspur Blue

Deep Sea

8 1/2 parts Teal
1 1/2 parts Perfect Pink

Jade

3 parts Yellow/Yellow
7 parts Larkspur Blue



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