



## **STAR LACES AND RIBBONS OZEPOL DYES**

**OZEPOL DYE IS DESIGNED FOR NYLON AND POLYESTER LACE, BUTTONS, BEADED FRINGE, (COMPOSITE) AND PEARLS.**

OZEPOL is for man-made trims only. For use on natural fibres use “OZECRAFT” dye. Some items like beaded/ sequined/ pearled lace motifs may need a combination of the two dyes for the desired effect.

### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

OZEPOL can be used in four basic methods.

Always remember to **shake the bottle** before use.

### **MICROWAVE METHOD.**

You will need: Heavy plastic jug or container 1 –1.5 litre capacity.

Eye dropper or small measuring cup.

Plastic bag.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

### **CARE MUST BE TAKEN AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID CONTACT WITH STEAM.**

The depth of colour will depend on how long the lace is boiled or steeped. Put 1 cap of undiluted dye into a jug and add 250 mls of water (the solution will look weak, the colour will intensify with heat.) Place your lace (or any other item you require dyed) inside the jug and then place a plastic bag over the top of the jug, put one or two small holes in the bag to allow steam to escape. Place in a microwave for 2 minutes on high, bring it to the boil. Remove the plastic bag, being careful of the escaping steam. Rinse lace (or items) with water until water runs clear. Dry naturally.

**Note** – you can re-use the dye although it loses about 10% to 20% of its strength each time you use it.

For a lighter colour you can use less dye (more water) or heat the solution eg. 1 cap of dye to 1 cup of water and then place your article in the water for a short time or steep longer for a deeper colour.

### **STOVE TOP METHOD:**

You will need; A stainless steel or enamel pot – at least 2 litre capacity.

Eye dropper or small medical measuring cup.

Put 1 cup of water (250mls) in the pot and add 1 cap of dye – this solution will look very weak – the colour will intensify with heat. Place your lace (or any other items you require dyed) into the pot and let simmer until the desired colour is achieved. Rinse lace until water runs clear. Dry naturally.

## **DIRECT METHOD**

### **You will need :-**

A fine point paint brush and a small china or plastic cup (an egg cup is ideal)

This method is used when dyeing polyester/nylon motifs or separate flowers on strips of lace or braid etc.

Heat a small amount of undiluted dye in a china or plastic cup to almost boiling point, using a fine brush – dab onto individual flowers and leaves. Dry naturally or use a hairdryer.

## **STEEP METHOD**

You will need;

Plastic jug/container 1-1.5 litre capacity

Eye dropper

measuring cup

Plastic carry bag.

When using synthetic pearls, plastic buttons, beaded fringe (composite not glass) and other synthetic embellishments, best results may be obtained by bringing the dye to the boil and allowing your pearls or buttons to steep for a few hours or even overnight. (To test colour for beaded fringe try 1 bead until you have obtained the perfect colour) Beaded fringe (composite) – try ratio 1 part dye to 2 parts water.

**Ozepol** can be diluted with tap water for a lighter shade. You can also mix colours for a desired effect or add the colour “Antique Gold” as a toner. Black and Brown can also be used as toners. For example 2 parts pink plus 1 part black = Dusty Pink. Remember to experiment, enjoy and practice. Keep a pen and paper handy to write down your colour ideas and recipes.

**Ozepol Dye is a product for adults.**

**PLEASE KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

**COLOURS:** Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Mauve, Pink, Brown, Black and Antique Gold.

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