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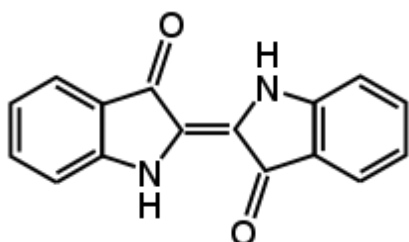
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Dye



Chemical structure of indigo dye, the blue coloration of blue jeans. Once extracted from plants, indigo dye is almost exclusively synthesized industrially.



Yarn drying after being dyed in the early American tradition, at [Conner Prairie living history museum](#).

A **dye** is a [coloured](#) substance that chemically bonds to the [substrate](#) to which it is being applied. This distinguishes dyes from pigments which do not chemically bind to the material they colour. The dye is generally applied in an [aqueous solution](#), and may require a [mordant](#) to improve the fastness of the dye on the fiber.

Both dyes and pigments are colored, because they absorb only some wavelengths of visible [light](#). Dyes are usually soluble in water whereas [pigments](#) are insoluble. Some dyes can be [rendered insoluble](#) with the addition of [salt](#) to produce a [lake pigment](#).

Natural vs synthetic [Edit](#)



Dyeing wool cloth, 1482: from a French translation of [Bartolomaeus Anglicus](#)

Main article: [Natural dye](#)

The majority of natural dyes are derived from plant sources: [roots](#), [berries](#), [bark](#), [leaves](#), [wood](#), [fungi](#) and [lichens](#). Most dyes are synthetic, i.e., are man-made from petrochemicals. Other than pigmentation, they have a range of applications including [organic dye lasers](#), optical media ([CD-R](#)) and [camera sensors](#) ([color filter array](#)).

History of dye

[Textile](#) dyeing dates back to the [Neolithic](#) period. Throughout history, people have dyed their textiles

using common, locally available materials. Scarce dyestuffs that produced brilliant and permanent colors such as the natural invertebrate dyes [Tyrian purple](#) and crimson [kermes](#) were highly prized luxury items in the ancient and medieval world. Plant-based dyes such as [woad](#), [indigo](#), [saffron](#), and [madder](#) were important trade goods in the economies of Asia and Europe. Across Asia and Africa, patterned fabrics were produced using [resist dyeing](#) techniques to control the absorption of color in piece-dyed cloth. Dyes from the [New World](#) such as [cochineal](#) and [logwood](#) were brought to Europe by the [Spanish](#) treasure fleets,[\[5\]](#) and the dyestuffs of Europe were carried by colonists to America.

Dyed [flax](#) fibers have been found in the [Republic of Georgia](#) in a prehistoric cave dated to 36,000 [BP](#). [Archaeological](#) evidence shows that, particularly in [India](#) and [Phoenicia](#), [dyeing](#) has been widely carried out for over 5,000 years. Early dyes were obtained from [animal](#), [vegetable](#) or [mineral](#) sources, with no to very little processing. By far the greatest source of dyes has been from the [plant kingdom](#), notably roots, berries, bark, leaves and wood, only few of which are used on a commercial scale.

The first synthetic dye, [mauve](#), was discovered [serendipitously](#) by [William Henry Perkin](#) in 1856. The discovery of mauveine started a surge in

synthetic dyes and in organic chemistry in general. Other [aniline](#) dyes followed, such as [fuchsine](#), [safranine](#), and [induline](#). Many thousands of synthetic dyes have since been prepared. The discovery of mauve also led to developments within immunology and chemotherapy. In 1891 [Paul Ehrlich](#) discovered that certain cells or organisms took up certain dyes selectively. He then reasoned that a sufficiently large dose could be injected to kill pathogenic microorganisms, if the dye did not affect other cells. Erlich went on to use a compound to target [syphilis](#), the first time a chemical was used in order to selectively kill bacteria in the body, he also used methylene blue to target the [plasmodium](#) responsible for [malaria](#).



Historical collection of over 10,000 dyes at Technical University Dresden, [Germany](#)

Types of Dye



RIT brand dye from mid-20th century Mexico, part of the permanent collection of the [Museo del Objeto del Objeto](#)



A [woman](#) dyeing her [hair](#).

Dyes are classified according to their solubility and chemical properties.

[Acid dyes](#) are [water-soluble anionic](#) dyes that are applied to [fibers](#) such as [silk](#), [wool](#), [nylon](#) and

modified [acrylic fibers](#) using neutral to acid dye baths. Attachment to the fiber is attributed, at least partly, to salt formation between anionic groups in the dyes and [cationic](#) groups in the fiber. Acid dyes are not substantive to [cellulosic](#) fibers. Most synthetic food colors fall in this category. Examples of acid dye are Alizarine Pure Blue B, [Acid red 88](#), etc.

Basic dyes are water-soluble [cationic](#) dyes that are mainly applied to [acrylic fibers](#), but find some use for wool and silk. Usually [acetic acid](#) is added to the dye bath to help the uptake of the dye onto the fiber. Basic dyes are also used in the coloration of [paper](#).

Direct or [substantive dyeing](#) is normally carried out in a neutral or slightly [alkaline](#) dye bath, at or near [boiling point](#), with the addition of either [sodium chloride](#) (NaCl) or [sodium sulfate](#) (Na₂SO₄) or [sodium carbonate](#) (Na₂CO₃). Direct dyes are used on [cotton](#), paper, [leather](#), wool, silk and [nylon](#). They are also used as [pH indicators](#) and as [biological stains](#).

Mordant dyes require a [mordant](#), which improves the fastness of the dye against water, [light](#) and [perspiration](#). The choice of mordant is very important as different mordants can change the final color significantly. Most natural dyes are mordant dyes and there is therefore a large literature base describing dyeing techniques. The most important mordant dyes are the synthetic mordant dyes, or chrome dyes, used for wool; these comprise some 30%

of dyes used for wool, and are especially useful for black and navy shades. The mordant [potassium dichromate](#) is applied as an after-treatment. It is important to note that many mordants, particularly those in the heavy metal category, can be hazardous to health and extreme care must be taken in using them.

[Vat dyes](#) are essentially insoluble in water and incapable of dyeing fibres directly. However, reduction in [alkaline liquor](#) produces the water-soluble [alkali metal salt](#) of the dye. This form is often colorless, in which case it is referred to as a [Leuco dye](#), and has an affinity for the textile fibre.

Subsequent [oxidation](#) reforms the original insoluble dye. The color of denim is due to [indigo](#), the original vat dye.

[Reactive dyes](#) utilize a [chromophore](#) attached to a [substituent](#) that is capable of directly [reacting](#) with the fiber substrate. The [covalent](#) bonds that attach reactive dye to natural fibers make them among the most permanent of dyes. "Cold" reactive dyes, such as [Procion MX](#), [Cibacron F](#), and [Drimarene K](#), are very easy to use because the dye can be applied at room temperature. Reactive dyes are by far the best choice for dyeing [cotton](#) and other [cellulose](#) fibers at home or in the art studio.

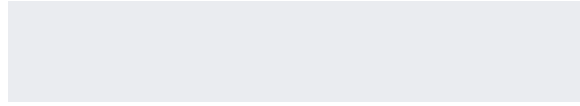
[Disperse dyes](#) were originally developed for the dyeing of [cellulose acetate](#), and are water-insoluble. The dyes are finely ground in the presence of a

dispersing agent and sold as a paste, or spray-dried and sold as a powder. Their main use is to dye [polyester](#), but they can also be used to dye nylon, [cellulose triacetate](#), and acrylic fibers. In some cases, a dyeing [temperature](#) of 130 °C (266 °F) is required, and a pressurized dyebath is used. The very fine particle size gives a large surface area that aids dissolution to allow uptake by the fiber. The dyeing rate can be significantly influenced by the choice of dispersing agent used during the grinding.

Azoic dyeing is a technique in which an insoluble [Azo dye](#) is produced directly onto or within the fiber. This is achieved by treating a fiber with both diazoic and coupling [components](#). With suitable adjustment of dyebath conditions the two components react to produce the required insoluble azo dye. This technique of dyeing is unique, in that the final color is controlled by the choice of the diazoic and coupling components. This method of dyeing cotton is declining in importance due to the toxic nature of the chemicals used.

[Sulfur dyes](#) are inexpensive dyes used to dye cotton with dark colors. Dyeing is effected by heating the fabric in a solution of an organic compound, typically a nitrophenol derivative, and sulfide or [polysulfide](#). The organic compound reacts with the sulfide source to form dark colors that adhere to the fabric. Sulfur

Black 1, the largest selling dye by volume, does not have a well defined chemical structure.



Other important dyes

A number of other classes have also been established, including:

- Oxidation bases, for mainly hair and fur
- Laser dyes: rhodamine 6G and coumarin dyes.
- Leather dyes, for leather
- Fluorescent brighteners, for textile fibres and paper
- Solvent dyes, for wood staining and producing colored lacquers, solvent inks, coloring oils, waxes.
- Contrast dyes, injected for magnetic resonance imaging, are essentially the same as clothing dye except they are coupled to an agent that has strong paramagnetic properties.[\[17\]](#)
- Mayhems dye, used in water cooling for looks, often rebranded RIT dye

Characteristics and qualities of dye

1. Shade
2. Fastness requirement

3. Ease of application
4. Dusting
5. Environment concerns

A good dye must have the following qualities:

- It has a suitable colour
 - Fastness to light
 - It fixes itself to the fabric
 - Resistance to the action of water, diluted acids, alkalis, etc.
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