

# How to Use BENGALA Pre-fixer

Use the same steps for  
Susuzome Soot Dye and  
Aijozome Indigo Dye.

**Bengala Dye Pre-fixer** is an ionizing agent that helps bond the Bengala pigments firmly to the fiber. As a result, the colors of your fabric will be deeper, more vibrant and longer lasting. Patterns created with shibori techniques (e.g. tie-dye, shape resist-dye) will be clearer if the fabric is treated with the pre-fixer. Even though it means taking a little time for preparation, using the pre-fixer has many benefits. You can even dye synthetic fibers, like nylon or poly, without mordant or hot water. And pre-fixed fabrics require less Bengala dye to take on deep colors.

1. **Weigh the fabric you are going to dye.**



2. **Make the pre-fixer solution.**

- Use an amount of water that is 10 times the weight of fabric.
- Measure an amount of pre-fixer that is 3% of the weight of the fabric.
- Add pre-fixer to the water and mix well.



3. **Pre-wet the fabric well in a separate bucket (not in the bucket with the pre-fixer) and squeeze lightly.**

**Tip:** Pre-wash the fabric if it has starch, oil, stains or dirt.



4. **Put the wet fabric in the pre-fixer solution and permeate through the whole area.**



5. **Knead and stir the fabric evenly for 1-2 minutes in the pre-fixer solution.**

6. **Wring out the fabric well.**

7. **Rinse the fabric twice in clean water.**

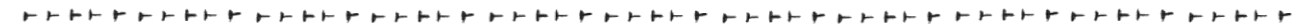
**Tip:** Rinsing is important in order to get rid of excess pre-fixer.



8. **Wring out the fabric well. You can also use the spin cycle of a washing machine for 1 min.**

9. **You are ready to do Bengala/Susuzome/Aijo Indigo dyeing. Enjoy!**

**Tip:** You can start dyeing right away, or you can dry pre-fixed fabrics and keep for later. Once the pre-fixed fabric dries, make sure you wet the fabric before you start dyeing.



## Ingredients

Cation (Positive Ion Surfactant)

## Precautions

- For sensitive skin, wear rubber gloves.
- If the pre-fixer gets into your eyes, wash your eyes well.
- If you drink it by accident, drink clean water and seek medical attention as soon as possible.

## How to store

Store in a cool place for up to 2 years after being opened.

## Where to shop

### Loop of the Loom

US Distributor of *Kosyokunobi*

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