



## Dyeing Wool Yarn with **Kool-Aid®**



Yes, it's true! **YOU** can custom **dye** your own wool yarn with **Kool-Aid®**! It's quick, easy, and fun. Experiment with your favorite colors and then knit something cool like our **felted mini clutch** (instructions available separately).



### You'll Need:

Kool-Aid® unsweetened drink mix in desired color (1 package per ounce of yarn)
Liquid dishwashing detergent
Large microwave safe dish
Microwave
Light colored 100% wool yarn (white or ivory works best) We used Patons® Classic Wool Merino - Aran #0202

### Prepare Yarn

- ① Wrap yarn into a ring approx. 36" across. We used approximately two ounces of yarn. To keep strands from tangling, use 6" pieces of yarn to tie the ring together in at least four places.
- ② Fill the dish with warm (not hot) water. Add a few drops of dish detergent; gently mix (a few bubbles are OK, but you don't want a fluffy bubble bath). Place the yarn ring into the dish. Gently submerge the yarn in the water. Be sure to fully saturate the yarn. Allow to sit for 30 minutes. This opens up the yarn scales to accept the dye. Do not stir the yarn; this can cause felting.  
After 30 minutes, gently squeeze the water out of the yarn. Do not rub the yarn. Rinse the yarn in the same temperature water as it was soaking. Squeeze water out of yarn.

### Mix & Dye

You can dye with one or more colors. We used two colors – Berry Blue and Orange. Beautiful greens and golds resulted where the two ran together. Have fun and experiment with your favorite colors!

- 3-4 Empty a package of Kool-Aid® into a cup; add 8 oz. of water and stir to dissolve. Place the yarn back in the dish and spoon dye onto yarn. Be sure the yarn is completely saturated.
- ⑤ Place the dish in the microwave and heat on HI for 2 minutes. Allow the yarn to “rest” for 2 minutes. Repeat this process until the water in the container is either clear or only slightly cloudy (ours only needed one heating). This means that all of the dye has been absorbed into the yarn. Allow the yarn and water to cool. Rinse the yarn in the same temperature water as the cooled water (shocking the yarn with cold water can cause felting). Gently squeeze out water and hang yarn to dry.
- ⑥ Once it is dry, wrap your yarn into a ball and you are ready to knit!