

# MORDANTING WOOL YARN

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## SUPPLIES

- Wool, weighed and noted
- Aluminium potassium sulphate (alum)
- Kitchen scales
- A small pan
- A large bowl
- String or reusable cable ties

Before you start

Weigh your wool and write the weight down. You will need this number.

Your alum quantity is 8% of the weight of your wool. So if you have 200g of wool, you need 16g of alum.

Day One

1. Tie your skeins loosely so water can move through them but they won't tangle.
2. Place them in a bowl of warm water and press down until fully submerged.
3. Leave for at least 10 hours, ideally overnight.

Day Two

1. Weigh out your alum into a small pan.
2. Add a little water and heat gently, stirring until every grain has dissolved.
3. Pour the dissolved alum into your soaking bowl and stir well.
4. Gently squeeze the water out of your skeins, lower them into the mordant solution while still squeezing, then release so they draw the liquid in.
5. Top up with water to cover if needed.
6. Leave for at least 10 hours, ideally overnight.

Day Three

1. Lift the wool out gently and squeeze lightly.

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Storing for later? Hang each skein to dry completely. Store in a labelled box with the fibre type, date, and mordant used.

When you come back to stored mordanted wool, rehydrating it before dyeing counts as your rinse.

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