



## Getting started dyeing with drink mixes

All you need is a microwave, a selection of unsweetened powdered drink mixes, canning jars or microwave safe glass containers and small skeins of yarn. To get your yarn ready, wash it lightly in mild soap and then let it soak in the sink while you mix up your solutions.

## Mix up your solutions

A good rule of thumb is 2 packages of unsweetened drink mix per 50 grams of yarn. Empty your packages of drink mix into your microwave-safe dish with some water. Stir to dissolve. Add your yarn and enough water to cover it.



## Heat and set your color

Zap your yarn-filled dish for two minutes. Let the yarn rest for a few minutes, then zap it again for another two minutes. Continue this process until the yarn takes up most of the color leaving the water nearly clear.

## Finish your yarn

Let the yarn cool in the container. Then, rinse it thoroughly in water the same temperature as the yarn. Wash the yarn in mild soap, rinse again and let dry.



## Dyeing larger quantities

Microwave dyeing is ideal for small projects like scarves or for sampling colors. By using a large pot on the stovetop, you can dye enough yarn for a sweater. Heat the yarn-filled pot to nearly boiling. Turn it off and let it sit, covered, for at least half an hour, stirring a few times. Finish your yarn the same as with microwave dyeing.