

Reactive Devoré Resist printing

You can use *some* Reactive dyes as a form of resist to the cellulose devore print paste to create interesting results. Take care when washing (ensuring that your first part of the washing process is thorough and runs clear) to avoid back staining.

Method:

1. Print design with Reactive print paste and dry.
2. Heat press for 5 minutes at 150°C or bake for 5 – 6mins at 150°C.
3. Return fabric to the flatbed, blotch (open screen) printing with the cellulose Devore print paste and dry.
4. Heat press at 160°C for 30 seconds, checking between each press time, until the Devore paste has turned a dark (coffee) brown.

ALTERNATIVELY – for larger work

5. Bake at 160°C for 3 – 5 mins in the baker until the Devore paste has turned a dark (coffee) brown. You should be easily able to crack the burned fibres.

Wash:

1. Rinse out the carbonised cellulose in cold water, gently agitating the fibres to ensure all burned out fibres are removed, until the water runs clear. Use large amounts of water in the initial cold rinse to reduce this. Take extra care when washing, as back staining is likely to occur.
2. Rinse in a hot wash at 60°C with Metapex 26 detergent for 15 – 20 mins until the water runs clear.
3. Rinse in cold water to remove the detergent and any remaining cellulose fibres.
4. Dry and press.