

HOW TO DYE A BUGABOO BREEZY CANOPY

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MATERIALS:

- BREEZY CANOPY
- RIT LIQUID DYE
- RIT COLOR STAY
- 20qt KETTLE
- WHITE VINEGAR
- DISHWASHING LIQUID
- PAPER TOWELS
- STIRING SPOON

To prep the canopy: Unzip Extendable portion of the canopy but leave the mosquito net zipped in.

1. Fill pot with 3 gallons of water
2. Heat water so it simmers (just below boiling, roughly 180 degrees)
3. Wearing rubber gloves, shake dye bottle. Use entire bottle Rit liquid dye bottle or 2 package of Rit powder Stir well.
4. Let Sit for 5 minutes,
5. Add 1 cup of white vinegar with a squirt of dishwashing liquid. Stir well. 6. Using a paper towel, test dye color to make sure it's the shade you want. If color is too light, add more dye. If color is too dark, add more water.
7. Wet canopy with warm water, then squeeze out excess water. Put the canopy in the dye bath.
8. Bring the dye bath to simmer. Stir constantly — back and forth, and up and down — for at least 30 minutes or until desired color is achieved. Fabric color appears darker when wet. Try to maintain a temp between 170-180 degrees during the entire boil. If water begins to boil adjust temp down.
9. Remove canopy from the dye bath and place in sink
10. Unzip mesh mosquito net and rinse this portion under warm water until most of the color is out
11. Prepare another pot with 3 gallons of water and 5 tablespoons of Rit Colorstay Fixative
12. Bring to a simmer then place canopy in the water.
13. Stir in simmering water for 20 minutes.
14. Bring canopy to the sink and rinse with hot water, gradually making the water cooler until all excess dye is removed and the water runs clear.
15. Wash item by hand in warm water with mild detergent and rinse thoroughly once again in cool water. Or, launder canopy on the hand wash setting if you have it.
16. Hang to dry

Tips: Do not use a wooden spoon....learn from my mistake, we now have a teal spoon in our kitchen.