Procion MX
Dyeing in the Washing Machine

STEP 1: Read Maiwa Handprint’s instructions on immersion dyeing in the Procion MX data sheet.

2: Find out how much water your machine holds and choose the right water level for the amount of garments you are dyeing.

3: Figure out how long the agitation cycle is on the machine as you do not want it to drain until you are completely finished the dye process. This will require stopping the machine before it drains on the wash cycle and starting the cycle again several times.

THE DYEING PROCESS:

~ Allow the water to fill a little.
~ Add the dissolved dye.
~ Stir well and then add the scoured wet garments.
~ Allow machine to finish filling to the desired level.
~ Agitate for 20 minutes.
~ Add dissolved salt.
~ Agitate for 20 minutes.
~ Add dissolved soda ash.
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~ If dyeing black, allow the garments to remain in the soda ash for an additional hour, agitating occasionally.
~ Allow the washing machine to drain.
~ Put the garments through a regular wash cycle using synthrapol as the rinsing soap.
~ Rinse until the water runs clear.

Dry garments in dryer or hang to dry. If you get streaks then you must rinse again as it means that excess dye is still in the garments.

Note: If possible use warm to hot water for dyeing and rinsing.

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