

# Dyed Baby Onesie & Socks

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## Supplies & Tools

- Cotton baby onesie and socks
- Rit All-Purpose Liquid Dye in your favorite colour
  - Coral used for this project
- 2-Gallon plastic tub or bucket
- Measuring cup
- Rubber bands
- Salt
- Liquid dish detergent
- Rubber gloves
- Plastic table cover
- Rit ColorStay Dye Fixative (recommended)



**Skill Level:** Beginner  
**Approximate Crafting Time:** 1 hour

## Directions

1. Cover table with plastic. Gather supplies.
2. For best results, pre-wash onesie and socks, rinse and leave wet. This will help to remove any finishes that may interfere with dye absorption.
3. Scrunch up onesie and hold together with several rubber bands. The tighter you wrap, the more white space you will have. Do the same with the socks.
4. To prepare dyebath: Fill large plastic tub or bucket with very hot tap water (140F). If water is not hot enough, heatwater in a cook pot or teapot. Shake dye bottle before pouring. Wearing rubber gloves, add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of dye to water; stir well.
5. For best results, add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of salt to dyebath if dyeing cotton, rayon or linen. This helps to intensify the colour. Then add a squirt of liquid dish detergent. Stir well.
6. Test dye colour by dipping a paper towel into the dyebath. If colour is too light, add more dye. If colour is too dark, add more water.
7. Immerse bundled onesie and socks in dyebath. For a high contrast pattern (more white areas), keep the bundle in the dye for about 3 to 5 minutes to keep the bound-up part dye-free. For more colour and less white areas, let them set in the dyebath for 10 to 20 minutes.
8. When desired colour is achieved, remove the baby onesie and socks bundles from the dyebath. Squeeze out excess dye. Do not remove rubber bands.
9. Recommended: To enhance the colour and reduce colour bleeding, use Rit ColorStay Dye Fixative immediately after dyeing and before washing, following package instructions. Let bundles set in fixative for 20 minutes.
10. Remove rubber bands, rinse onesie and socks under cold running water until water begins to run clear. Machine or hand wash with mild detergent, rinse and dry.