



## Bleach on your clothing?

When using fabric dyes, the final colour depends on whatever the existing fabric colour is.

For this reason, if you dye fabric which is already coloured, the results will be a mixture of the two colours. For example, using red dye on yellow fabric will create an orange result.

The same applies to damaged areas. Therefore if you have spilled bleach on your clothing, dyeing it will not remove the bleach marks. The colour of the damaged areas will probably change, but it will never be the same colour as the rest of the article.

Fabric pens work in the same way as dye - they do not cover over existing colours. Although they may change the colour of bleached areas to something closer to the original, the marks will still be visible.

Paints do cover over existing colours - but using paint on clothing will significantly change the surface texture and appearance of the fabric. Therefore using paint over bleached areas will cover the marks, but again they will still be visible afterwards.

Bleach can also damage the fibres of some fabrics, which will change the texture and strength of the fabric.

The moral of this story - don't spill bleach on clothing. If you do, it will cause permanent damage and there is no way to fix it.