

Dying lace with tea

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I was working on my first wedding dress and the lace the bride chose was a very pretty slightly off white color. The border on the lace wasn't going to work to trim the neckline with so I bought some white trim that was perfect but it was a little white. I needed to make it just a LITTLE too dark so here is how I tinted it with tea. For more information on making a wedding dress you can visit my blog [sewcountrychick](http://sewcountrychick.com)

Step 1 — Prepare your tea bath



Get a clean bowl if you are only tinting a small amount of lace like I did. I tinted five yards of lace trim. Get some water hot and put a bag of tea in the clean bowl. I used one bag of Earl Grey and one bag of Chamomile together but you could experiment because tea do have different shade. Pour the hot water over the tea and let it steep till you have a color you are comfortable with. Remove the bags and throw in some ice cubes to cool the water.

Step 2 — Test your lace swatch till you have the desired color



Cut a small swatch of lace and dip it into the tea bowl. Note the time and remove it when its the color you want. Now you can tint the rest of your lace. Its important to do a swatch first because you don't want the lace to get too dark and ruin it all. I left my lace in the tea about two minutes.

Step 3 — Lay it out to dry



This is a photo of the finished lace. The bottom larger piece is the part I wanted to match. The trim in the middle is tea tinted and the trim on top is how it looked when I bought it.

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