

Overview of 16th Century Mordanting processes for linen

1 lb material=4 ells of mediumweight linen

Source	Tannin type	Tannin amount	Length of time	Alum type	Alum amount	Length of time
Plictho 3	galls	1 lb	Boil 2 hrs	Rock alum	1.5 oz	2 hrs(?)
Plictho 69	Redoul (<i>Coriaria myrtifolia</i>)	½ lb	Until it turns yellow	Rock alum	3 oz	?
PB1	Gall nuts	8 oz	Boil 2 hrs, soak fabric 4 hours	Alum	4 oz	15 mins, almost boiling
PB2	Gall nuts, beaten	6 oz	Boil two hours, soak 4 hours	Rock alum	4 oz	15 mins almost boiling
PB3	Gall nut powder	2 oz	Boil, cool, soak cloth 4 hours	Alum	?	4 hours
PB4	Gall nuts, broken	8 oz	Unspecified	Alum	2 oz	15 mins boiling
PB5	Gall nuts, beaten	?	?	Alum	2 oz	2 hours

All but one had galls and then alum; PB3 had alum and then gall, and Plictho 69 had gall-alum-gall