

## Development of Dyeing Reactive Dyes on Blended Banana Fabrics Treated with Plasma Technology

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### **Abstract:**

Banana pseudo-stem fibres have been used as a greener substitute for synthetic fibres that are harmful to the environment in the textile industry. Banana applications are expanding since different components of the banana are employed in various industries like fruits as food sources, leaves as food wrap, and stems for paper pulp and fibre. This due of rising environmental consciousness and the growing relevance of eco-friendly fabrics. The 4th state of matter is called plasma. Plasma treatment has demonstrated that it can be used as an environmentally friendly method to improve dyeing uptake of textiles with dyes.

The goal of this research is to create a reactive dyeing process suitable for banana fabrics and compare between dyeing behaviours of banana blended fabrics with cotton fabrics. Testing was performed to evaluate the colors properties between pre-treated, dyed banana fabrics, untreated dyed banana fabrics, and cotton fabrics.

In this study, the blended banana/cotton fabrics was pre-treated with Plasma DBD with different gases, and then dyed with synthetic reactive dyes. Finally, the dyed samples were evaluated according to standard testing methods. The findings demonstrated that plasma-pretreated blended banana textiles outperformed untreated fabrics. According to other findings, cotton and bananas also exhibit comparable dyeing behaviors. As a result, fabrics made from bananas may use the cotton dyeing method. Finally, it was possible to dye banana-based fabrics with a reactive dye that had superior washing fastness properties when compared to cotton-based fabrics.

### **Keywords:**

Banana blended fabric, dyeing, Reactive dyes, plasma DBD treatment, Fastness, Colour properties

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