

How to color-code media.

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Background

Color-coding of diagnostic media is convenient and is less error-prone than marking plugs, tubes, or plate lids. In the United States, grocery-store 'U.S. Certified Food Color' (McCormick, Schilling, or other) is effective and is not inhibitory at concentrations giving readily visible colors. Chemical constitution of the dyes is not known.

Procedure

One drop per liter medium, added before autoclaving, is usually satisfactory

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