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(54) **Multicolored fabric printing ribbon.**

(57) A fabric ribbon having multicolored regions has coloring matter in the regions of only flushed pigments in a liquid vehicle. Flushed pigments do not migrate between colored regions under normal conditions, and therefore mixing of the colors is avoided without alteration of the fabric or use of a fabric with special characteristics or regions.

Flushed pigments have very small particle size and perform like dyes with respect to replenishing the ribbon for good ribbon life. Yet, the ribbon colors do not bleed together, a characteristic of pigments.

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