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(54) **Ink/media combination**

(57) An ink/media combination in which the ink comprises an aqueous medium, a colorant and an alginic acid salt selected from the group consisting of monovalent ion salts and organic amine salts and in which the media, preferably a textile, is treated with a specified water soluble salt of a metal having a valence of at least 2 produce printed chromatic image with improved bleed characteristics and sharper edges.

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