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CELLULOSE NITRATE (GUNCOTTON)

Commonly known as Smokeless powder.

Materials-

70ml concentrated sulfuric acid 30ml concentrated nitric acid 5g absorbent cotton 250ml sodium bicarbonate 250ml beaker ice bath tongs paper towels

Place 250ml beaker in the ice bath, add 70ml sulfuric acid, 30 ml nitric acid. Divide cotton into .7g pieces. With tongs, immerse each piece in the acid solution for 1 minute. Next, rinse each piece in 3 successive baths of 500ml water. Use fresh water for each piece. Then immerse in 250ml sodium bicarbonate. If it bubbles, rinse in water once more until no bubbling occurs. Squeeze dry and spread on paper towels to dry overnight.