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[Claim 1]

A method for producing a water-absorbent resin by performing ~~a~~only one stage of reversed-phase suspension polymerization of a water-soluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer in a petroleum hydrocarbon dispersion medium, comprising the following steps of:

(A) performing a primary dispersion in the absence of surfactants by adding an aqueous solution of a water-soluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer containing a hydrophilic polymeric dispersion agent to a petroleum hydrocarbon dispersion medium in which a hydrophobic polymeric dispersion agent is heat-dispersed or heat-dissolved, under stirring;

(B) further performing a secondary dispersion by adding a surfactant to a dispersion liquid obtained after the primary dispersion; and

(C) performing the reversed-phase suspension polymerization by using a radical polymerization initiator.

[Claim 2]

The method for producing a water-absorbent resin according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is at least one kind selected from the group consisting of polyglyceryl fatty acid ester, sucrose fatty acid ester, and sorbitan fatty acid ester.

[Claim 3]