REACTION OF ALDEHYDE OR KETONE WITH 2,4-DINITROPHENYLHYDRAZINE

$$O_{2}N$$

$$NH-\ddot{N}H_{2}$$

$$(series of mechanistic steps)$$

$$NO_{2}$$

$$NO_{2}$$

$$NO_{2}$$

$$NH-\ddot{N}$$

2,4-DINITROPHENYLHYDRAZONE DERIVATIVE

WHY MAKE A DERIVATIVE?

- ALCOHOLS DO NOT REACT IN THIS WAY.
- INCREASED MOLECULAR WEIGHT AND POLARITY CONVERTS A LIQUID ALDEHYDE OR KETONE INTO A SOLID, THEREBY ALLOWING A MP TO BE TAKEN. THE MP CAN THEN BE COMPARED TO MPS OF KNOWN COMPOUNDS.
- THE COLOR OF THE DERIVATIVE MAY INDICATE WHETHER CARBONYL IS CONJUGATED OR NOT. (CONJ C=O -> USUALLY RED/ORANGE. NON-CONJ C=O USUALLY YELLOW)