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# Fashion Tie-Dye

## Supplies Included:

- 6 Dyeing Strings
- 4 Squeeze Bottles with Dye and Soda Ash
- 4 Pair of Gloves
- 15 Elastic Bands

## Extra Supplies Needed From Home:

- Trash Bags (Large)
- Paper Towels
- Small Basin
- Water
- Plastic Wrap &/or Gallon Size Plastic Zip Bags
- Extra Rubber Band
- Sponge for Sponging Design

Adult supervision is recommended.

### Step One - PREPARE YOUR WORK AREA

Choose a large, flat environment and line workspace with trash bags. Keep paper towels on hand.

READ ENTIRE DIRECTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING!

NOTE: DYE STAINS! PLEASE WEAR GLOVES FROM HERE ON.

### Step Two - MIX DYE

Add water right up to neck of bottle. Replace cap tightly. Shake until powder has dissolved. For bright intense colors, fill bottle with less water. For pastel soft colors, fill bottle with more water. This may require a second bottle.

### Step Three - DYE FABRIC

Soak shirts in warm water until fabric is completely saturated. Ring out or let air dry until the shirt is not soaking but damp. Choose a style and follow the dyeing directions for that method. Apply to fabric, using the pointed nozzle to penetrate the folds in the fabric. Be careful not to over saturate the fabric. Mixing too many colors may cause a muddy look. Be conscious of which colors will work together and compliment each other. For example, yellow + blue = green work together but purple + yellow = dirty brown will not.

Try the following:

Fuchsia + Yellow = Orange

Turquoise + Yellow = Green



#### RAINBOW SWIRLS:

Choose the location of the spiral. This can be anywhere on the fabric. Pinch the fabric where the swirl will begin. Twist the rest of the fabric around to form a flat spiral. While keeping its shape, bind the spiral with three rubber bands to form six wedges. Be sure the bands are tight or add another band to each one. Apply a different color to each wedge, front to back.



#### TIE-DYE TWISTS:

Lay your fabric out flat on your work surface. Pleat fabric and bind with rubber bands about every 1" to 2". Apply dye to the length of the fabric. If desired, repeat with another color. Continue until all fabric is covered or apply alternative dye colors between banded sections.



#### VIVID SUNBURSTS:

Lay fabric flat. Pick out desired sunburst locations. Pinch and pull fabric up approximately 4". Add rubber bands in 1" increments down the tubular shape. Repeat the above to add additional sunbursts to the same fabric. Change the size of the sunburst by making the tubular shape smaller for a smaller sunburst and larger for a larger sunburst. Add dye in between the rubber bands down the tubular shape.

#### Tie Dye Strings:

Add the strings to any of the designs ideas. The shirt must be damp to use the strings. Either wrap and tie the string between fabric and rubber bands or secure the string under one rubber band and the other end under another rubber band. The strings create a softer look compared to the liquid dye. The more strings applied, the stronger the color.



**CRUMPLE:**

Lay fabric flat on protected workspace. Use fingers to scrunch and crumple fabric. Add dye at random or in pattern to the scrunched fabric.



**VERTICAL STRIPES:**

Lay the fabric flat. Start pleating by folding 1-2" over the front of the fabric. While holding previous one, fold new 1-2" strip toward the back. Continue this back and forth folding pattern for entire fabric. Add rubber bands every 1-2" down the entire bundle. Add dye to the back and front of each section of fabric between the rubber bands.



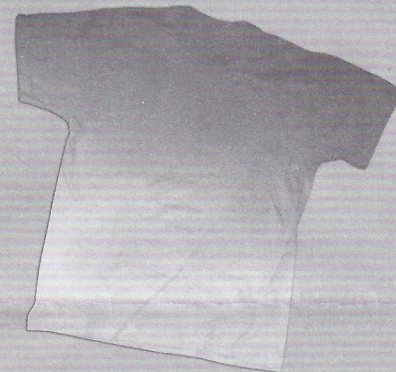
**FREEHAND:**

Lay fabric flat. Plan a design or play as you go by applying the dye directly from the bottle to the shirt.



**SPONGING:**

Apply dye to one end of a dry household sponge. Sponge across dry shirt for a more exact design or add to a damp shirt for a softer design. Use one new clean sponge per color.



**GRADATION:**

Lay shirt flat. Fill entire bottle with water. Apply half the bottle to the top third of the fabric. Fill the bottle again and apply it to the middle third of the fabric. Fill the bottle one more time and apply it to the last section of the fabric.

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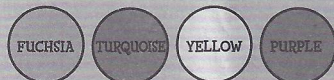
**Step Four - WRAP, SET AND RINSE**

Loosely wrap the fabric with plastic wrap or place into a plastic zip bag. This will keep the fabric damp while the dye is setting. Leave it for approximately 4-8 hours. The longer it sets, the more intense the color will be. Place bundle in sink. Remove from plastic. Cut the bands or strings off. Be careful not to cut fabric or gloves. Rinse the fabric until the water runs completely clear. Hang fabric to air dry. Wash the fabric separately for the first few washes on the cold-water setting to prevent staining other fabrics. After washing the fabric in the washer, use the dryer to 'set' the dye into the fabric. Do not rest wet fabric on furniture or other items, as it will most definitely stain it.

**TIPS:**

- Tie Dye colors will always fade after rinsing and are never as bright as first applied from the dye bottle. However, the less water used to mix the dye, the stronger the color will be.
- Do not add water to powder dye mix until you are prepared to tie-dye. Apply dye within 45 minutes after mixing. (Dye left unapplied after 45 minutes will begin to lose intensity resulting in noticeably weaker colors.)
- Hand wash separately.
- Make sure excess dye dust is removed from work area.
- Use Tie Dye Strings with or in lieu of rubber bands for any of the suggested designs.
- HAVE FUN!

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