

HOW TO TIE-DYE

STEP 1: PREPARATION

WORKSPACE - Get the area you have chosen ready for a messy event. Cover tables with the puppy pad. Working outside gives you more freedom especially if you decide to make this a family affair.

STEP 2: TIE THE FABRIC

When your area is prepared and your tools are ready for use you are ready to start to create a tie dye pattern. There are several methods available and color combinations. It is best to start simple and be happy with the outcome.

Rubber bands work well. The idea with tie-dye is the tied up parts with bands will not absorb the dye. This technique creates the patterns and swirls associated with tie dye.

STEP 3: TIME TO DYE THE FABRIC

When you have tied the fabric get ready to squirt the fabric where the bands are not.

If you are not happy with the intensity of the color continue to squirt the fabric with the dye. Let this sit for 24 hours.

STEP 4: RINSE

When you are satisfied with the color, rinse in cold water. Rinse by hose, by swirling in a bucket of cold water, or in the sink.

STEP 5: WASH AND DRY

Wash the dyed fabric item by itself (or with another tie dyed shirt made by your family) and dry as you normally would.

TIE DYE PATTERNS

SCRUNCHED - Just scrunch the fabric up into a ball and wrap the rubber bands around to tie up the folds in a random scrunched effect. For a multicolor effect, use squeeze bottles to randomly put different colors on the fabric.

FAN-TASTIC STRIPES - Fold the fabric like a fan. Make the folds as narrow or wide as you like. Then put rubber bands over the folds at different intervals.

These are just two options, There are TONS of patterns you can create when tie-dyeing

