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Color Splash!® Easy Tie Dye

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



YOUR KIT CONTAINS:

- 6 Assorted Bottles of Dye
- 6 Packets of Premeasured Soda Ash (one for each bottle)
- 100 Rubber Bands
- Enough Dye for 10-15 T-Shirts

GENERAL SUPPLIES YOU WILL NEED:

- Natural Fiber Fabric (100% Cotton Works Best)
- Paper Towels
- Rubber Gloves
- Scissors
- Sink Access
- Plastic Bags (1 per Garment)
- Plastic Table Covers
- Flat Surface for Tying

PREPARATION IS KEY!

- It's important to first set up your workspace. Use plastic table covers to protect your work surface/floor/anywhere you might drip dye as it will stain.
- There is no need to pre-soak your cotton garments in soda ash as this pack comes with small pre-measured packets to mix directly with the powdered dye for your convenience.
- However, it is necessary to pre-wash (or rinse in hot water) any brand new garments to remove the sizing/starch from the fabric so the dye will absorb. Avoid using fabric softener or dryer sheets.
- Soak your garment with warm water and wring out really well until it's no longer dripping.

TIP: Never tie dye dry garments, as it makes it difficult for the dye to absorb.

TIME TO TIE!

See the examples below and choose a desired technique or explore your own! Regardless of how you decide to tie, make sure you use the elastic bands bound tightly to hold the folds together for best results.

TIP: To make folding t-shirts easier, simply tuck the sleeves inside the shirt and out of the way! **(Figure A).**

VERTICAL STRIPE: Lay fabric out flat on your work surface. Starting at the top, make accordion folds approx. 2" wide until you reach the bottom resulting in a long tube **(Figure B)**. Hold the tube together by tightly wrapping with rubber bands spaced out about one band every couple inches **(Figure C)**.

CLASSIC SPIRAL: Lay fabric out flat and select a central starting point by pinching the fabric and holding **(Figure D)** as you twist clockwise to make a tight spiral bundle. Hold the spiral together with rubber bands making approx. 6 pie shaped wedges **(Figure E)**.

BULLSEYE: Lay fabric out flat and select a central starting point aka your "bullseye". Pull the fabric up from that bullseye a few inches into a short tube **(Figure F)** and wrap tightly in small sections with rubber bands until you have covered the length of the fabric making a long tube **(Figure G)**.

FIG. A



VERTICAL STRIPE:

FIG. B



CLASSIC SPIRAL:

FIG. D



BULLSEYE:

FIG. F



FIG. C



FIG. E

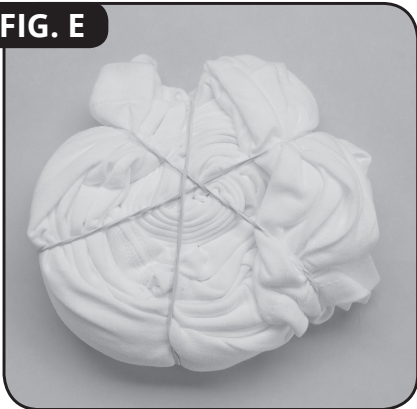


FIG. G



TIME TO DYE!

1. With gloves on, cut the corners off the soda ash packets one by one and carefully pour into the dye bottles trying not to breath in the loose dust.
2. Fill each bottle with warm water. Replace the caps tightly and shake until all of the powdered dye is dissolved. For best results and bold colors, use mixed dye within 48 hours of preparation.

TIPS:

- Avoid mixing complementary colors that will create muddy brown tones by keeping the following colors away from each other: Red/Green, Blue/Orange, or Purple/Yellow.
- You want to use plenty of dye so the colors are rich but not so much that the dye is dripping out the underneath side of your tied garment creating a pool. Wipe off your gloves and work surface with paper towels in between colors.
- Keep in mind - Some colors (especially yellow and green) may resist mixing completely with the water causing small speckles of dye to collect on the fabrics surface. Don't worry, the dye will still cover evenly and work great.
- Place your tied garment on to a flat surface protected by plastic. Hold the tip of the dye bottle directly up to the fabrics surface and gently squeeze the dye into folds making sure it has penetrated in to all of the layers. Flip the garment over making sure you dye the opposite side as well.
- Squeeze the area you just applied dye with your fingers, helping the dye penetrate into all the folds. Again, wipe off your gloves and work surface with paper towel's in between colors to avoid unwanted mixing.
- Once you're done applying the dye, check to make sure your garment is not dripping excess dye. To avoid unwanted color mixing; place your finished garment on a stack of paper towels to absorb some of the excess.

LET IT SET!

Place the garment into a plastic bag. Tie the plastic bag tightly (or use a zip top style bag) making sure the dye stays wet while it sets into the fabric for the next 12-24 hours. Let it set undisturbed at least overnight so the dye and fabric can work their magic. It's worth the wait!

IT'S WOW TIME!

1. Rinse your groovy garment and check out your tie dye creation!!
2. With your gloves on, remove your garment from the plastic bag and place under cold running water (do this one garment at a time). Cut the rubber bands allowing the bundle to unfold being careful not to cut the fabric. Continue to rinse until the water runs clear.
3. Lastly, wash the rinsed garments with like colors in the washing machine on the warm/hot cycle. Hang or machine dry.

FINISHED DESIGNS

VERTICAL STRIPE:



CLASSIC SPIRAL:



BULLSEYE:

