

Ice Dying

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Supplies:

- Wear old clothes that you don't care about to ice dye in case you get some dye on them.
- Tulip One-Step Tie-Dye Kit that includes: (I get the 5 bottle kit.)
 - Squeeze bottles containing dye and dye packets.
 - Protective gloves.
 - 40 rubber bands.
 - Project ideas.
- Reusable surface cover or cut open a large garbage bag to cover working surface.
- Sanding, Drywall, Fiberglass Respirator or dish towel to tie over your face so you don't inhale any dye powder.
- Scissor to cut open dye packets.
- Laundry detergent.
- Paper towels.
- Plastic container (can use an empty ice cream pail) to put rinsed fabric in and to put snow in, if using snow.
- White vinegar, 1 Cup for a large load and ½ Cup for a medium load.
- Shout Color Catcher Dye-Trapping Sheet, absorbs and traps loose dyes in the wash.

TUB DYING

- Plastic tub, I use a 10 gallon or 15 gallon tub.
- Cookie cooling rack that folds out with long legs or sits up high in the tub OR egg crate (suspended ceiling light panel which has squares in it, available at Menards and can be cut to fit tub).

ICE CREAM BUCKET DYING

- Gallon size ice cream pail.
- Seven 2 ounce plastic cups per round ice cream pail or 8 cups for square pail.

FABRIC – 100% cotton works the best.

- Either PDF (Prepared for Dying) or a fabric that has been washed without fabric softener.
- Clothing items that have been washed without fabric softener.

ICE – Buy a 20 pound bag or the ice from your ice maker in fridge works too.

- For 10 gallon tub use 10 pounds of ice, 18 gallon tub use 15 pounds of ice, ice cream pail about 6 cups, OR put 3 inches of snow on top of fabric.

PROCEDURE:

- Pre-wash fabric or clothing to remove sizing, DO NOT USE FABRIC SOFTNER.
- Set up
 - Tub with cooking cooling rack or egg crate light panel.
 - Ice cream pail put 7 or 8 - 2 ounce plastic cups in the bottom.
- Rubber band item you are going to dye, different ways to fold fabric are in the Tulip One-Step Tie Dye Kit.
- Put rubber banded item in tub, not too tight or dye will not get into the fabric.
- Put enough ice on items to cover so you cannot see them through the ice, or 3 inches of snow.
- Put mask or dishtowel over face and plastic gloves on your hands.
- Open dye bottles or packets and put on ice or snow, I use 7 in the large tub, 5 in the smaller tub and 2 in the ice cream pail, just make sure the ice or snow is well covered with dye.
- Cover with the reusable cover or not (I have done it both ways).
- Wait till the ice or snow has melted, in tubs may take a day. In the ice cream pail takes about 8 hours. Can sit up to 2 days: 1 day for ice to melt, 1 day for dye to set.
- Put on rubber gloves to take the items out of container (or your hands will get real colorful).
- Take the rubber bands off and rinse item in running water until water runs clear, can be warm or cold water. I use the paper towels to wipe off any place I may have spilled water with dye in it.
- Put rinsed fabric in a container or directly in washing machine with cold water in it.

- Wash fabric or clothing item in cold water with:
 - Large load: 1 Cup white vinegar to set the dye.
 - 2 Shout Color Catchers.
 - Medium load: ½ Cup white vinegar to set the dye.
 - 1 Shout Color Catcher.
 - Laundry detergent.

- Dry in clothes dryer or hang to dry. I put in Dryer for 5 minutes and hang to dry.
Enjoy your new fabric or shirt!

The Rule is "There are no Rules!"
Let your creative side, be your guide!
Have fun!
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