

Fabric Dyeing

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Class Description – Try fabric dyeing using the low-immersion water process. You'll have a 30-step gradation of fat-eighths, and some bonus pieces when you're done!

Kit fee \$15, payable to instructor

If you need fabric for this class, please let the store know at least two weeks in advance so we can have enough PFD on hand. I suggest you DO NOT go cheap on your fabric. Even on your first try you are going to have beautiful fabric in the end. Muslin has a yellow cast and does not take dye well.

FABRIC:

3 ¾ yards fabric, PFD (prepared for dyeing) Available at the store. I prefer Pimatex over Kona.

1 additional yard of fabric if you would like one yard dyed to match fat 1/8ths. Good time to try another type of fabric. Silk Radiance dyes beautifully, creating a two color look from the fabric blend.

You will have enough dye to also dye 4 fat quarters if you purchase another yard, for a total of 5 ¾ yards

****Before class* – mark your fabric 9" from the cut end, snip into the selvedge edge and cut. Cut fabric in half to make two pieces, 9" x 20 – 22" (depending on fabric width.) If you cut with a pinked or wave rotary cutter blade, or serge edges, you will almost eliminate strings in the wash out. Do this 15 times to make 30 fat eighths of fabric. Using a *Pigma Pen*, write numbers 1 through 30 in the selvedge edge of fabric, numbering each piece individually. Option B for marking fabric – cut Tyvek envelope into small squares, write on numbers 1-30 with Sharpie, staple to corner of fabric with two staples.

***If desired*, bring one additional yard, and you may also bring 4 fat quarters of your fabric. If you dye the yard bring a gallon zip-bag, if you add the fat quarters, bring 4 additional containers/bags.

EQUIPMENT AND NOTIONS:

Dye Kit – \$15 payable to instructor. Includes dye, gloves, plastic, bottles for dye, mask, stirring spoons, use of buckets and other tools.

30 – 5-6 ounce plastic cups or yogurt containers – or 16 oz Daisy sour cream type – or 30 quart size zip-style freezer bags. Cheap bags are more prone to leakage. Bags take up the least space, but don't stand as easily as jars. Plastic wrap if you're using the cups

One quart and 2-cup measuring cups

Bring if you have them, or you can use plastic containers I bring - no handles. Can't be used later for food after dyeing.

1 – Tablespoon measuring spoon

1 – Half-Tablespoon measuring spoon (or 1 ½ teaspoons equals ½ tablespoon)

3 ¾ to 5 ¾ yards PFD fabric

Tray your cups/bags will fit in; you are dyeing in the cups, then transporting the cups with dye to your house. An under-bed plastic storage bin with snap-on lid works well to contain any spill-over.

Optional – empty water bottles if you want to take home dye left in your bottles used in class.

Suggested supplies for after class – Synthrapol, available at store, soda ash, available from Betsy

***** Supplies used for dyeing CANNOT be used for food preparation again. *****

+++++Wear old clothes and shoes – dye can go astray! A good time for an apron+++++

References – Not required. "Color by Accident," or "Color by Design" by Ann Johnston, "Fabric Dyeing for Beginners," by Vimala McClure, "Hand-Dyed Fabric Made Easy," Adriene Buffington, "Dyeing to Quilt," by Joyce Morie & Cynthia Myerberg

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