

TIE DYE TIPS

1. SET UP WORK SURFACE

Protect work surface with plastic trash bag. Cover with a layer of paper towels.

2. PREWASH FABRIC

Prewash fabric. Do not use fabric softener or a dryer sheet. Choose desired technique. If using dry technique, dry fabric in dryer. If using wet technique, use directly from washer.

3. PREPARE FABRIC

If using a flat method of dying, place plastic wrap or trash bag between layers of fabric to keep dye from seeping through to the other side.

4. MIX DYE

Wearing protective gloves, add water to dye bottle and fill to the neck. Replace cap tightly. Shake until dye is dissolved. Use full-strength for intense colors. For a lighter shade of color, add more water using an extra bottle if needed. Apply dye within 24 hours after mixing.

**Note: dye left unapplied after 24 hours will begin to lose concentration and will result in noticeably weaker color intensity. Do not add water to dye until you are prepared to apply it.*

5. DYE FABRIC

Apply dye on fabric, checking to make sure dye has penetrated into folds. Do not over-saturate fabric. If dye is applied too close together, the colors may become muddy.

6. WRAP, LET SET, RINSE

Cover dyed fabric with plastic wrap to keep damp. Let set 6-8 hours or longer for most intense colors. Rinse until water is clear. Cut rubber bands if used. Wash by hand with small amount of fabric soap for first few times of wear, then it will be okay to add to washer with other laundry.

HINTS:

- Always wear gloves when working with dyes
- Do not allow dyed fabric to rest wet on other items
- Make sure excess dye dust is removed from work area
- Create new colors by blending dyes