

# TIE-DYE KIT

## INSTRUCTIONS

### PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU BEGIN

#### Supplies you will need:

- Natural fiber fabric project such as cotton, linen, wool and silk
- Plastic or drop cloth to protect work area
- Paper towel
- 3 to 5 gallon bucket
- Plastic bag or plastic wrap



1 Prewash all fabric to be dyed to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softener or dryer sheet.



2 Cover entire work area with plastic or drop cloth and use paper towel as needed.



3 Before tying, be sure to saturate fabric completely with water and ring out excess water. Tie your item with rubber bands using the tying ideas or use your own ideas! (See reverse side for tying ideas)



4 Put on gloves. Add packet of soda ash into bucket filled with 2 gallons of **HOT** water and stir until granules are dissolved. Submerge bundles in soda ash solution and let soak for 20 minutes. (See reverse side for caution)



5 While fabric is soaking add warm water to each bottle of dye, filling bottles to the point before the neck starts. Close tightly and shake until all the dye is dissolved. Mix secondary colors in the extra mixing bottle. Dyes should be used within a few days after adding water. (See reverse side for secondary colors and caution)



6 After the 20 minutes have passed, remove the bundles from the soda ash solution and wring out excess water back into the same bucket it was soaking in. Soda ash solution can be reused.



7 Apply dye to all sides of bundle and into folds. Do not overload fabric with dye. Colors will blend at edges creating secondary colors. Clean gloved hands and surfaces between colors. Place completed project in a plastic bag or wrap in plastic to keep damp and let sit overnight.



8 The following day, rinse your project with warm water. Carefully cut rubber bands off while rinsing. Keep rinsing until the water runs mostly clear. This may take up to 15 minutes.



9 Fill washer with **HOT** water and liquid soap and wash project immediately. The longer you wait to wash, the greater the chance the dyes can bleed and dull your final product. After fabric has been thoroughly rinsed, washed and dried, the colors should now be set and able to be washed with like colors.

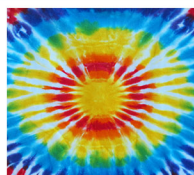
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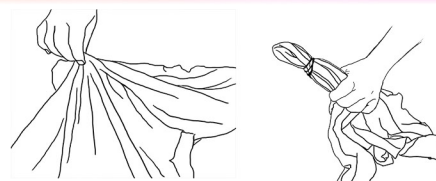
## Twirling Spiral:

Lay wet item flat and pinching wet fabric at desired center of design, twirl fabric in a flat spiral shaped bundle and bind in even pie shaped wedge sections with rubber bands. After soaking in soda ash solution, apply different dye colors to wedge sections and between folds. Turn bundle over and apply same dye color to back side of wedge.



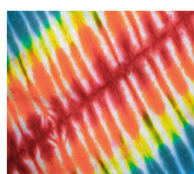
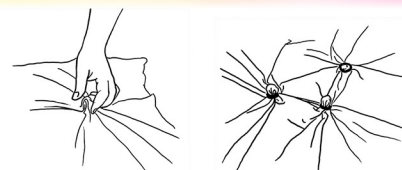
## Center Burst:

Lay wet item flat and holding wet fabric at desired center of design, pull straight up into a rope shaped bundle and bind into sections along length with rubber bands. After soaking in soda ash solution, apply dye to sections.



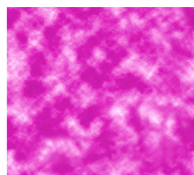
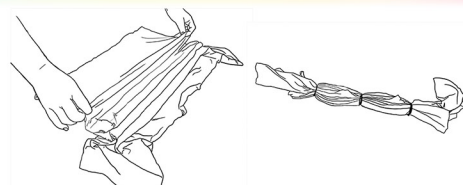
## Spotted Burst:

Lay wet item flat and holding wet fabric at desired center of spots, pull each spot up to desired length and bind with rubber band. After soaking in soda ash solution, apply dye to length of spots and apply a different dye color to the rest of the fabric.



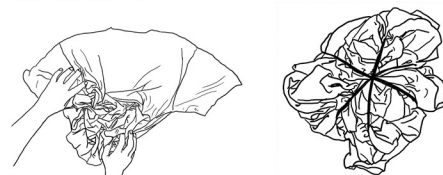
## Folded Stripe:

Lay wet item flat and fold back and forth into pleated folds from top to bottom, side to side or from corner to corner and bind with rubber bands. After soaking in soda ash solution, apply dye to each section or randomly.



## Crumpled Scrunch:

Lay wet item flat and using your fingers outstretched, repeatedly pull in and scrunch up the fabric into a crumpled bundle that will resemble a brain and bind loosely with rubber bands. After soaking in soda ash solution, apply dye to bundle.



**Secondary Colors:** **To make green:** Use 1 part liquefied blue dye to 5 parts liquefied yellow dye.  
**To make orange:** Use 1 part liquefied red dye to 5 parts liquefied yellow dye.  
**To make purple:** Use 1 part liquefied red dye to 2 parts liquefied blue dye.

**Caution:** **Kit Contains Sodium Carbonate.** May be harmful if swallowed. If swallowed, give 1 to 2 glasses water. Do not induce vomiting. Contact doctor immediately. May irritate eyes. If contact occurs, immediately flush with water for 15 minutes. May irritate skin. If contact occurs, wash thoroughly with soap and water. Use in well ventilated area. **Kit Contains Organic Dye Powder.** Do not swallow. If swallowed seek medical advice. May irritate eyes. If contact occurs, immediately flush with water for 15 minutes. May irritate skin. If contact occurs, wash thoroughly with soap and water. Use in well ventilated area. Avoid inhalation. May cause serious allergic reaction in some individuals. Seek prompt medical attention.