

Dip'n Dye and Tie-Dye on a T-Shirt

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The T-shirt, which was originally white, is dyed using two techniques. Using the tie-dye technique, a piece of cotton cord is tied tightly in two places on the T-shirt and then secured with a tight knot to prevent colour penetrating onto this part of the fabric. Then the other technique is used; dip'n dye where the T-shirt is dipped in multiple dye baths. First, the light colours, then the dark colours.

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1. Tie a piece of cotton cord around the chest area of the T-shirt and wind it around several times. Tie a tight knot at the end to secure the cotton cord. The area with the tied-on cotton cord will appear the lightest after the tie-dyeing process.



2. Pour 5 liters of 30-60°C hot water in a tub with 500g fine household salt.



3. Wear plastic gloves and begin the dyeing with the lightest of the chosen colours using the dip'n dye technique. Dissolve half a bottle of batik colour (50ml) and 100g fixing agent. You may read more about the mixing ratio on the batik colour package – eg. if large quantities of fabric and colour need to be adjusted. NB: Using several tubs may be an advantage as all the colours may be prepared in advance allowing the process to run smoothly.







4. Gently dip the T-shirt up and down in the dye bath for 5-10 minutes - depending on the desired colour intensity.



5. Now dip the T-shirt in the tub with the next darkest colour. Continue this procedure with a colour change to a darker shade each time.



6. Rinse the T-shirt after the last dye bath in clean, lukewarm water. Change the rinsing water two or three times, remove the cotton cords and rinse one last time.



A TIP Half a bottle of colour (50 ml) in 5 liters of water is sufficient for fully dyeing two T-shirts. This amount, however, is sufficient for dyeing approx. 8 T-shirts in the same solution when using the dip'n dye technique.



Another variant See also inspiration No. 13068.