

Tie-Dye Project – Guidelines

This is a project that can be used to decorate any cloth item in an unlimited variety of patterns and colors.

This project is suitable for all exhibitors, fun for the beginner and challenging for the advanced students.

The only limit is your imagination. Any cloth item (from headbands to tennis shoes or sock) can be tie-dyed, but 100% cotton works the best.

Article **should be** dry before it is exhibited at the fair.

One Method:

The equipment needed includes:

- Dye - as few or as many colors as you wish. (Read the box instructions carefully). Dye can also be made from berries.
- A container to dissolve each dye in.
- Rubber bands - assorted lengths and widths if possible.

Description of steps on how to do tie-dye:

1. Dissolve each dye in its own container according to the box directions.
2. Wet garment with cold water.
3. Gather material and wrap tightly with a rubber band - repeat this step as many times in as many different ways as you wish.
4. Place garment in a dye. (All or any part of garment).
5. Place a different part of shirt in another color or remove some rubber bands and place garment in another dye if more than one color is to be used.
6. Remove whatever rubber bands are left (if you cut them off be careful not to cut the material).
7. Rinse garment.
8. Hang to dry.
9. Iron wrinkles out of garment.

A more difficult project should be selected each year to continually grow skills.