

## Tie and Dye Technique

Tie and Dye is a resist form of dyeing which means that patterns are created by preventing colour penetrating the fabric. In Tie and dye this is done by knotting, binding, folding or sewing parts of the cloth in such a way that when it is dyed the dye cannot penetrate these areas.

With the Dylon range of dyes you can practice and experiment with tie and dye techniques easily. See how many exciting new patterns you can discover.

### MATERIALS

- Dylon Cold Water Dyes – in assorted colours
- Dylon Cold Fix
- Salt
- Spoon
- Thread, string, elastic bands, pebbles, stones, beads, cotton reels
- Dye bath – plastic bowl or bucket
- Material/garments – Pre-washed
- Rubber gloves

### METHOD

Prepare the Dye

Following the instructions on the Dylon Cold Water Dye and Cold Fix packs prepare the dye in the dye bath. The Dylon Cold Fix will ensure that the colour is permanent. Now that you have prepared the dye you are ready to bind, fold or sew your material to achieve a wide range of effects.

Once you have bound your fabric, dip into the dye bath for 60 minutes. Combine a number of colours and techniques. Always tie binding tightly to prevent the dye getting through to the tied areas.

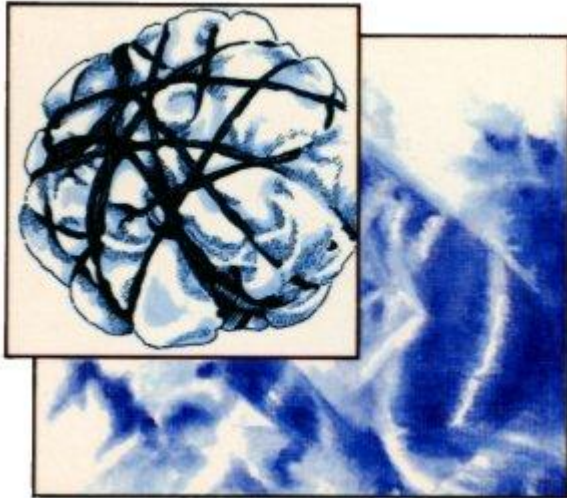


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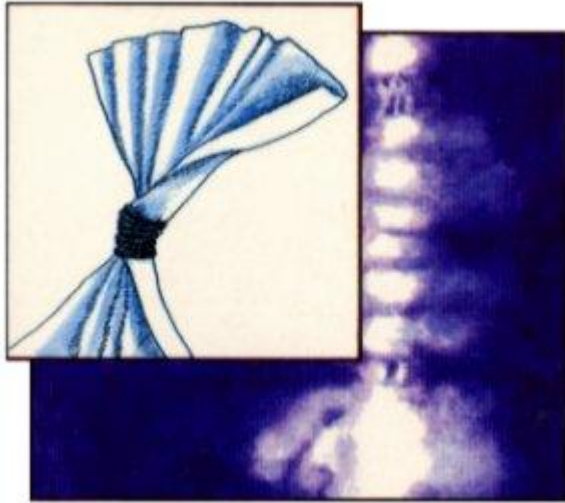
## TECHNIQUES



### PROJECT A: Random Pattern

1. Crush your piece of material to form a ball and tie up tightly with string or elastic bands.
2. Place the tied ball in the dye bath and leave it for 60 minutes.
3. Take the ball out of the dye, rinse until water runs clear. If you want to dye the ball a second colour, follow Step 4, if not go to Step 5.
4. To dye the ball a second colour untie the material. Crush into another ball and tie up tightly and place it into the second dye bath for 60 minutes. Rinse the excess dye off until water runs clear.
5. Untie the ball. Wash the fabric in warm soapy water, rinse and leave to dry. Iron the material.

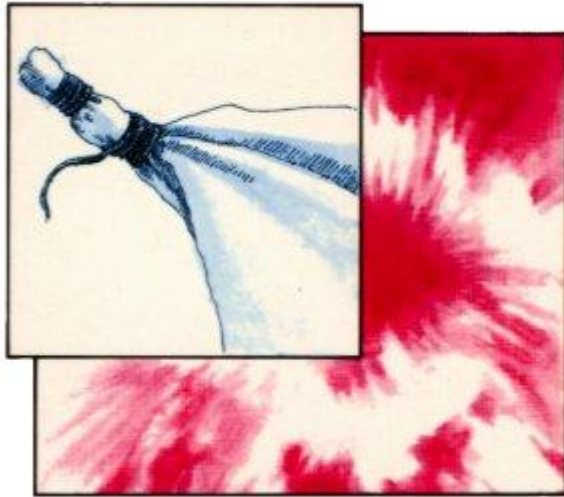
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### **PROJECT B: Stripes**

1. Pleat your material into a fan. Divide the folded material into portions and tie up each division tightly.
2. Put the tied material into the dye bath and leave for 60 minutes.
3. Take the material out, rinse until water runs clear. You have two options at this stage:
  - Leave the material as it is i.e. one colour of stripes, follow Step 6.
  - Add a second colour of stripes, see Step 4
4. To dye a second colour retain your ties and add new ones.
5. Put the material into the second dye bath and leave for 60 minutes. Rinse off the excess dye until water runs clear.
6. Untie the material. Wash in warm soapy water, rinse and leave to dry. Iron the material

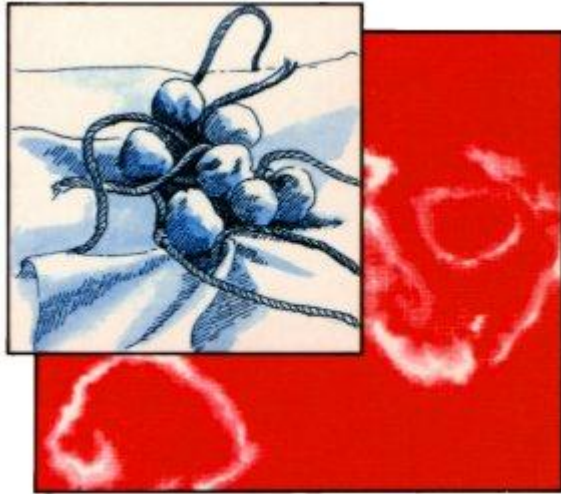
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### **PROJECT C: Circles**

1. Take a square piece of material. Pinch the centre of the material with one hand and pull with the other to form a cone shape.
2. Divide the cone into sections and tie each section firmly.
3. Put the tied cloth into the dye bath for 60 minutes.
4. Rinse until water runs clear, you can add a second colour by following Step 5, if not go to Step 7.
5. For dyeing a second colour retain your ties and add new ones.
6. Put the tied cloth into the second colour for 60 minutes. Rinse off excess dye until water runs clear.
7. Untie the material. Wash in warm soapy water, rinse and leave to dry. Iron the material. If you have a large piece of material, tie cones at random or in a pattern all over the cloth.

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#### **PROJECT D: Tied-in Object**

1. Tie objects into your piece of material such as beads, buttons, cotton reels, pieces of wood, pebbles or corks. You can tie several suitable objects into a piece of material, do it randomly or in a set pattern. Try tying a small object on top of a big object. Experiment with the objects to achieve a whole range of effects.
2. Put the tied cloth into your dye bath and leave for 60 minutes. Rinse the material until the water runs clear.
3. If you want to dye a second colour follow Step 4, if not go to Step 5.
4. Retain your tied objects and tie new ones in to your cloth. Put the tied cloth into the second colour and leave for 60 minutes. Rinse off the excess dye until the water runs clear.
5. Untie the material Wash in warm soapy water, rinse and leave to dry. Iron the material.

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