

Dyeing Fabric Workshop Requirements List

We will be dyeing pieces of cotton using a variety of techniques including shibori, bag dyeing, tray dyeing, and screen printing. The resulting fabric can later be used in quilts or to make any number of other things.

Fabric

- White, close weave, cotton that has been washed by you even if it is PFD (prepared for dyeing). It is important to wash the cotton to remove all barriers to dye takeup and to sort any potential shrinkage.
- Pale or medium coloured cotton (washed) in at least two colours.
- One fat quarter of very slightly patterned coloured fabric. Something slightly blotchy would be ideal – just so it isn't completely plain.
- Please bring at least 7 fat quarters (20"x20") altogether. If you have a particular item you wish to make then bring fabric in the size and shape to suit.

Dye

- You will need two colours that will go well together. Deep/dark colours work best. Choose dyes and fabrics that work together eg yellow fabric and turquoise dye will result in a green and yellow piece, pink fabric and yellow dye will result in a pink and orange piece, etc. Turquoise and yellow dye mixed together on white fabric will give every shade from lime to a deep bluey green. If you wish to buy the dyes and fabrics on the day I can help you choose. (We can give the fabrics a quick wash on the day!)

Equipment

- Some strong thread for tying and sewing – you will need to be able to draw the thread up tight without it snapping. Polyester sewing thread works quite well when doubled.
- Some string or rubber bands, small net bags (the sort fruit is sold in).
- Basic sewing kit.
- Paper and pencil
- Washable fabric marker
- At least 2 large freezer bags (they need to be strong) and rubber bands
- Rubber gloves and apron and old towel.
- Cat litter tray or similar
- Jug to measure from 100ml to 500ml.
- Two or three jam jars for the dyes
- 5ml teaspoon for measuring the dye powder
- Hairdryer if the day is not warm
- You will be taking bags of dyeing fabric home with you. I will provide used plastic food containers for the bags to go in, but it might also be a good idea to put a tea tray or similar in the car for transporting it all home safely.
- £2 to cover my costs for screen printing

- Lunch