TIE-DYE 101

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDES TO
Groovy Tie-Dye Patterns!

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STRIPES

Talk about earning your stripes! This tried-and-true tie-dye technique will have people lining up.

STEP 1
Lay damp shirt flat. Draw arches with disappearing ink.

STEP 2
Accordion fold shirt along arch lines and secure sections with rubber bands.

STEP 3
Apply dyes to shirt and allow to set. Remove bands from shirt, then rinse, wash and dry.

TIPS & TRICKS

- Dye works best on 100% cotton fabric.
- Always prewash shirts before dyeing.
- For more vibrant colors, pre-soak your shirt in soda ash.
- Tie-dye pigment is permanent, so wear gloves and an apron, and protect your work surface.
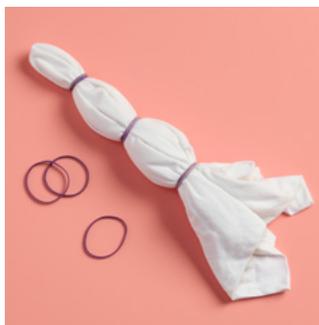- Make sure to dye both sides of your shirt!

Take aim at a classic tie-dye design that's sure to hit the style target!
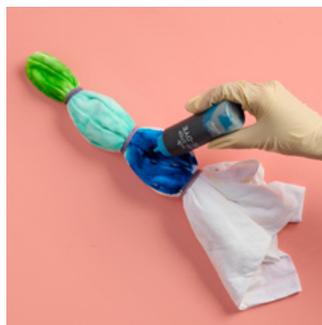
Good Vibes

STEP 1

Lay damp shirt flat. Pinch shirt upward in cone shape. This is center of bull's eye.

STEP 2

Place rubber band about 2" below tip of cone, and continue adding bands along shirt as desired.

Note: Number of bands will equal number of rings in bull's eye.

STEP 3

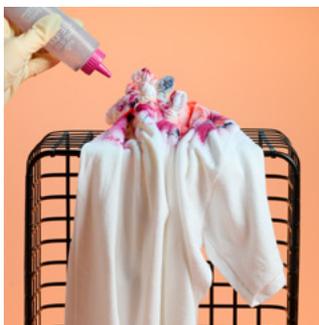Apply dyes to shirt and allow to set. Remove bands, then rinse, wash and dry.

GRAVITY

Designs that'll make you melt? Yes, please! Melting ice over dye powder creates unique marbled designs!

STEP 1
Lay damp shirt flat. Use rubber bands to knot small areas in upper-left section of shirt. Then scrunch entire upper-left section of shirt with rubber band.

STEP 2
Place shirt on rack over tub or bucket (to catch melting ice). Add liquid dyes and dye powder over banded sections of shirt as desired.

STEP 3
Cover shirt with ice. As ice melts, it will drip dye down rest of shirt. Allow to set for 24 hours, then rinse, wash and dry shirt.
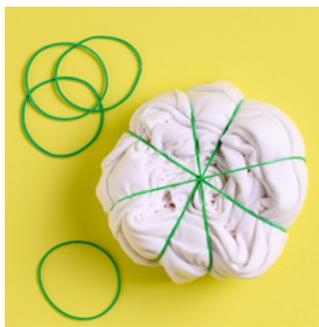
SPIRAL

Here's a simple technique worth spiraling over. But in a good way! Swirl, twirl and whirl your way to corkscrew creations.

STEP 1
Lay damp shirt flat. Twist fabric tightly on side of shirt (or where center of spiral pattern is desired).

STEP 2
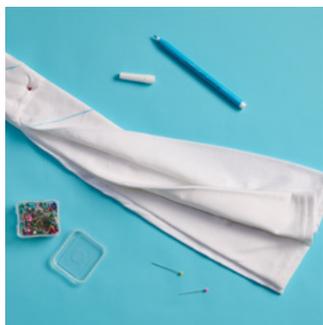Crisscross rubber bands around shirt as shown.

STEP 3
Apply dyes to shirt and allow to set. Remove bands from shirt, then rinse, wash and dry.
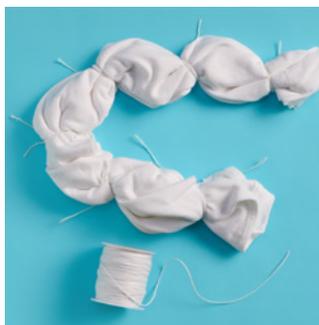
CHEVRON

Making waves never looked so good... and colorful! Mix and match your favorite colors and you'll be chevr-on your way to success.
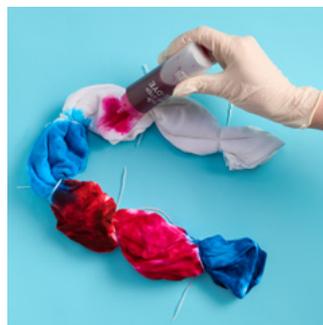
STEP 1
Lay damp shirt flat. Accordion fold shirt in 3" increments, pin in place, then draw diagonal lines with disappearing ink down shirt as shown.

STEP 2
Secure shirt along drawn lines with tie-dye sinew or cording.

STEP 3
Apply dyes to shirt and allow to set. Remove cording, and then rinse, wash and dry.

REVERSE DYE

Dark t-shirts more your style? Try reverse tie-dye! It removes colors for high-contrast patterns.

Lay damp shirt flat. Arrange leaves as desired.

STEP 2
Fill bottle with reverse tie-dye solution and spray over leaves.

STEP 3
Remove leaves. Dip brush into reverse dye solution and splatter onto shirt. Let dye set, and then rinse, wash and dry shirt.

MANDALA, HEART & SUNFLOWER

There are tons of tie-dye kits with everything you need to turn plain shirts into one-of-a-kind creations! Pick up a stellar Celestial kit (mandala), a lively Color Mixing kit (sunflower), or a groovy Party Kit (heart), just to name a few!