

✂ Do it yourself...

ICE-DYED TOP

Fabric dyeing is like watching magic happen before your eyes! There are many different types of fabric dyeing, such as batik or tie dye. Ice dyeing is an easy way to create shapes on fabric.

1 Wet your top and scrunch it up

Place your top on the rack inside the tray. Cover it with lots of ice. Put on plastic gloves and use a spoon to sprinkle dye on the ice. The more you use, the stronger the colours will be.



Essentials

- ☆ Cotton top
- ☆ Draining rack
- ☆ Tray or pan
- ☆ Ice cubes
- ☆ Plastic gloves
- ☆ Plastic spoons
- ☆ Powdered fabric dye

The powdered dye sinks onto the top as the ice melts.



2 Leave the ice to melt

Leave your top for 6-8 hours until the ice is completely melted. Put on plastic gloves before taking the top out of the tray. Using cold water, rinse the top in the sink until the water is clear.

Top tip

Make sure the dye and the fabric you use work together. If your top is 100 per cent cotton, use a dye for natural fabrics. Synthetic (man-made) fabrics need special dyes.

3 Your new ice-dyed top

Wash your top in the washing machine (on its own). Leave it to dry and enjoy your new top! Next time, try mixing the powdered dyes together before sprinkling them on and see what colours you can create.

The finished result!

If you love the watercolour-style patterns, make one for your best friend.

If you live in a cold area, try this project using snow!



Be careful when pouring away the melted ice.



Try different coloured fabric dyes to create your own style!

Suitable for 5-9 years

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