

TAKING OUT THE DYE

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Supply List

Fabric

1. Bring different fabrics (100% cotton) to play with. You can precut squares, or cut them in class, but make sure you have extra in case of mistakes and extra just to play with. Scraps work fine.

If you are just playing, bring whatever you want to try the discharge paste out on. My experience is that dark colors work better than lighter colors, and fabrics that read like solids work better than big patterns. I've used a lot of Maywood double dye black fabric, most batiks work well and most Stonehenge works well, but really it works on most fabrics. There have been a few, however, that the discharge paste either doesn't work on at all or it leaves a really ugly color (in my opinion) when it discharges. You just don't know until you try. So bring lots of options.

2. Rotary cutting tools unless you come with precut fabric (mat, cutter, ruler) and/or scissors

3. Most people don't sew, but you're welcome to if you wish. If you do plan on putting things together, bring a sewing machine and what you need to use it.

4. I'll bring a couple hair dryers, but if a couple of you could bring one too, that would be good.

5. Ironing board and iron (I'll bring a couple) but again if a couple of you could bring one too that would be good.

6. Optional: Stencils, designs or pictures you like printed on paper (I just print them on the computer), leaves, if you want to do leaf prints, stamps, anything you think might make a cool design. (I will also bring a lot of things you can try.) If there is something in particular you like ... for instance giraffes.... Look up giraffe silhouettes on google images and print them on computer paper, and I'll show you a couple different ways to use them.

6. I will provide the discharge paste for the class, and I will bring all of the different tools I have found interesting when working with discharge paste. I'll start with a little show and tell, and then a demonstration of how to use the tools I have acquired, and then basically let you play with my toys and give you any assistance you might need or want. Questions? Text or email me.