

Exploring Shibori Dyeing Supply List (2-day class)

Fabric: Bring up to 10 yards of cotton fabric. Please DO NOT use inexpensive muslin. It does not take the dye well. Purchase a high quality PFD (Prepared For Dyeing) cotton fabric from a quilt shop or online. Cut the fabric into two five-yards pieces and wash with a small amount of original blue Dawn dish detergent on HOT wash/cold rinse cycle. Dry on HOT until damp and finish drying by ironing to prevent wrinkles.

For class, tear at least one yard into fat quarters. Tear the balance of your fabric into fat quarters and/or half-yard pieces as you wish, leaving one full one-yard piece. Mark each of your fabric pieces by cutting small squares of Tyvek, writing your initials or name on the Tyvek using a permanent wash-fast marker and sewing it to a corner of each fabric. You can mark directly onto the fabric, but it is much easier to read the Tyvek label. **Do not skip this important step** because we need to be able to identify fabrics dyed together in the same color bucket.

Patterning Tools: (Bring what you are able. I will have some supplies to share plus ropes, poles and buckets, so don't worry.)

- Rubber bands - various sizes
- Marbles or plastic beads
- A mesh/net bag or small laundry bag
- Thread, string and/or beaded string from the craft store.
- Suture scissors for easy cutting of threads & rubber bands. Regular scissors are also an option.
- Clamping devices – small plastic spring clamps, bulldog clips, binder clips, clothes pins, etc.
- Shapes: tongue depressors, bottle caps, jar lids, metal washers. Wooden shapes are available at craft stores. **Note:** For the design to work, you MUST have a pair of the same shape. Having 3 of the same shape is even better.
- A bucket, 2 to 5-gallon size
- A 3" to 4" diameter PVC pipe, 18" to 24" in length (available in hardware & home improvement stores)
- A 2' length of nylon braided or coiled rope 1/2" or more in diameter (available in hardware & home improvement stores)

Optional for stitched exercises: Waxed dental floss or heavy-duty quilting thread, large-eye embroidery needles, a thimble and a seam ripper.

Other Supplies:

- A dust mask (N95) for dye and chemical mixing.
- Gloves that come up your arm a bit (e.g. cleaning gloves). You will need the length for reaching into the 5-gallon buckets.
- Your permanent wash-fast marker in case you need to mark more fabric in class.
- Notebook & pen/pencil for taking notes.
- Wear old clothes – you will most likely get dirty. Bring an apron if desired.

\$40 Kit fee provides: Dyes and chemicals needed for dyeing, Synthrapol soap and tool usage.

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