

Class Description:

Hands-On Fabric Dyeing Lab (1 day class)

Beginner friendly! For all levels! If you've never dyed fabric before or need a refresher, come and learn all the basics including mixing dyes and colors, low-water immersion techniques, creating gradations, and dyeing multiple colors at the same time. If you've used Procion dyes, use the space and supplies to dye fabrics for upcoming classes or special projects. Techniques will be shared throughout the day.

\$20 supply fee payable to instructor for dyes. *Fast, Fun & Easy Fabric Dyeing* book is recommended for dyeing basics and is available as an electronic download or print on demand from the Stitchin Post or C&T Publishing.

Note: Wear old clothes and/or bring an apron

Supplies:

- *Fast, Fun & Easy® Fabric Dyeing* book by Lynn Koolish (recommended)
- Rubber gloves - dishwashing type, the longer the better
- Dust mask
- Fabric- different types of fabric will yield different results; good quality fabric works best
 - Any 100% natural fiber can be used. This includes cotton, rayon, linen, and silk. You can bring yardage and/or garments.
 - You can also bring commercially printed or previously dyed fabric to over-dye.

Important: Prewash all fabric in detergent or Synthropol or Dharma Textile Detergent & hot water - don't use fabric softener or dryer sheets

Bring 4 - 6 yards of fabric, you can also bring pre-hemmed scarves or garments

!! Do not bring polyester, any synthetic or blends, or fabric that is permanent-press!!

- At least 1 plastic container with a wide mouth and screw-on lid that does not leak when shaken vigorously—options include condiment squeeze bottles and recycled food containers—just make sure the opening is large enough to fit a spoon into

- 6 - 8 one-pint (6 - 8 oz) size plastic containers and 5 - 6 one-quart (32 oz) size plastic containers, such as recycled yogurt & cottage cheese containers
- 1 - 2 buckets, 2½ - 5 gallon size ***If you are travelling to Sisters, and cannot bring buckets, we will have some available*
- Set of measuring spoons NOTE: these cannot be used for food after they have been used with dye
- 1 gallon size Ziplock-type plastic bags (10 - 12 of them)
- 6 - 10 plastic spoons
- Scissors
- Roll of paper towels
- Masking tape
- Plastic for covering workspace
- Clothespins (used when putting fabric outside to dry)

OPTIONAL: You may also want to bring

- Several 1" - 2" foam brushes and a 1"- 2" bristle brush
- Plastic notched spreader (these are about 5" square and are used for spreading mastic, they have different size teeth on each side, available at hardware stores, should be less than \$2)
- 1 or 2 squares 18" x 18" of vinyl such as upholstery vinyl
- Several squeeze bottles such as those used for condiments or hair color

If you want to do some Shibori

- Several 2" to 5" diameter PVC pipes, 18" - 24" in length (available in hardware & home improvement stores)
- Rubber bands and string (polyester, nylon, or other synthetic fiber), an assortment
- Needle and unwaxed dental floss or polyester thread for stitching
- Nylon or other synthetic fiber braided or coiled rope 1/2" - 1" in diameter, bring a 3' - 4' length

There will be a \$20.00 supply fee for instructor provided dyes and soda ash.

Samples can be viewed at www.lynnkoolish.com (click on classes)