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TIE DYED LIBRARY BAGS

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PROJECT SHEET



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Tulip Tie-Dye Kits
- 100% cotton tote bags
- Disposable plastic table cover
- Washing machine
- Tulip Fabric Markers (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Prewash bag but do not use fabric softener and do not dry.

Step 2. Cover your work surface with plastic tablecloth. Lay the damp bags flat on your work surface.

Step 3. Add water to the dye bottles following the instructions. If you want lighter colours, make up the bottle and then pour some out and refill with more water. This will create nice lighter colours.

Step 4. Now it's time to dye! Use a tie dye technique to your liking. We used the 2 below:

Spiral Technique - Locate the centre of the bag, pinch the fabric at this point and twist into a swirl. Keep twisting the fabric tightly until the entire bag is formed into a spiral shape. Use 3 rubber bands to hold your spiralled bag in place, crisscrossing the rubber bands to create 6 wedge shapes. Wearing the plastic gloves from your kit, apply the dye colours to each wedge. Once you have covered the front, flip over your spiral and match the dyes in the same colour pattern on the back.

Diagonal Rainbow - Starting in the bottom corner pinch fabric and pull into tube shape. This corner is where the centre of the bullseye will be. Place rubber bands along length of fabric, to divide it up into sections. We only created 3 sections, but you can create as many as you like! Wearing plastic gloves from your kit, apply the dye colours

to each section of the bag. Once you have covered the front, flip over your bag and match the dyes in the same colour pattern on the back.

Step 5. Once the dye has been applied, cover the bags with cling wrap and leave to set for 4-6 hours. Leave for longer if you want stronger colours.

Step 8. Remove rubber bands and rinse the bags in warm water until the water runs clear.

Step 9. Wash and dry according to your instruction guide and your bags are complete!

Tips & Tricks - Use Fabric markers to add any fun drawings or your name to your library bag. This means when it goes into the wash, it'll stay on permanent and won't wash out!