

Print Your Own Fabric

In this class we will be exploring printing on fabric with thickened dyes. We will be using techniques similar to printing with paint or ink on paper; using stamps, brayers/rollers, paint brushes, stencils, etc. In addition, we will be working with thermofax screens (like silk screens). Additionally, we will explore the idea of using both masking tape and freezer paper as masks. Thickened dyes, auxiliary chemicals, supplies, and stencils and thermofax screens will be provided as part of the dye fee. Students will need to have soda soaked their fabric prior to class, or purchase soda-soaked fabric from the instructor (please email scortese7@gmail.com at least 2 weeks prior to class to purchase fabric). To soda soak your fabric, dissolve 1 cup of soda ash in 1 gallon of water, pour over fabric and let it soak for 15 minutes. Hang dry don't put in a clothes dryer. Scrunch to store, don't fold.

Supply List for Basic Fabric Dyeing:

\$10 Kit/Dye Fee includes dyes, auxiliary chemicals, gloves, use of other studio materials (screens and stencils)

All Students will need to bring:

- Print Board: 1" foam insulation board cut no bigger than 36" x40", covered in felt or painter drop cloth paper. Having more than one board can be helpful. I have some to share, check with me for availability.
- High-density foam roller or two. Can be found in paint aisle of hardware store.
- Roll of Plastic sheeting or large plastic garbage bags to cover your work.
- Strong/heavy duty pins. I like t-pins...you will be using them to stretch your fabric on the print boards.
- Acrylic sheet or large plastic plate, to be used as a palette, large enough to roll your foam rollers on.
- An apron, smock or wear "painting" clothes.
- Bring if you have: old credit type card, stencils, corrugated cardboard, stamps, paint brushes, bubble wrap, plastic netting, or other printing materials.