

Fabric:

4 + yards of fabric.

We will work in 1/4 or 1/2 yards... Keep one larger piece to use as a "mud cloth". Cotton, silk, fabrics that will work with Procion dyes.

Fabric Prep:

Prewash all fabrics...even PFD

Wash in hot water using a small amount of Synthrapol and Soda Ash

(around 2Tbs Soda + 1/2 tsp Synthrapol per machine load). Extra hot rinse.

Soak scoured and dried fabric in Soda solution (15 minutes or so) and line dry (no dryer please!). Doing this ahead of time will save you class time.

(Soda solution: 1 Gallon warm water + 9Tbs Soda ash (Sodium Carbonate))

Supplies:

- Rubber gloves (disposable + dishwashing kind)
- Dust mask
- Small sharpie or Tyvech + safety pins to mark your fabric
- Plastic to protect table and batch your fabric
- Roll of masking tape
- Several containers with lids (I use old dye containers (16oz)) for thickened dye, 6 or so. Also smaller ones to mix colors...
- 2 larger containers for Chemical H₂O and discharge paste (1 Q.)
- foam trays, plastic plates, anything you can use as a palette
- Plastic spoons and/or small spatulas. A couple of larger ones to spread dyes
- Hair dryer if you can bring one
- Paper towels and old towels to dry screens and clean up
- Old cloths, apron etc...
- A few cheap foam rollers
- Brushes - inexpensive chinese brushes, thin and wide
- Other cheap brushes if you have
- Hot glue gun/glue sticks
- Pen and paper

Textures:

Anything you might have around to use for texture - 1/4 inch deep or so.

Ideas would be: grids, bubble wrap, floor/bath mats, stencils, stamps...

Do not go and buy a bunch of stuff. Think outside the box...in the past I have used banana peels, leaves, gloves...

Do bring several pieces of cardboard the size of your screen

Hot glue gun + glue sticks if you have

We all can share, the idea is experimentation and seeing what works ... or not

Screens:

2 or 3 screens

Any size screen will do, the mesh 10xx or 12xx (110x also works well)

Scrub screens (both sides) before class, I use comet

Items to use as squeegees (old cards, color movers, paint spreaders...)

Or an actual squeegee!

Class fee:

Will include all chemicals and dyes and other misc.

It still is to be determined