

Start with Dark

Materials List: Questions? Contact patpaulart@gmail.com

Equipment: (put your name on everything if you can)

Old clothes to wear, apron, rubber gloves

Dust mask N95 if possible

2 Table sized pieces of plastic

Something to pad table for printing 3' x 8 (Old cotton batting, felt underlayment, soft smooth foam, etc.)

Small 2-3 gallon bucket

4-5 towels (cut to washcloth size) or washcloths

Small high density foam paint roller 4-6", large foam paint roller about 8"

4 Wide scrapers 4 – 6" or better -- Bondo brand putty scrapers from the paint department of home supply store, or wall paper smoothing tool (about 6" wide)

About 8 long handled spoons – to stir dye

Partial Roll of blue masking tape

Roll Duct tape for taping silkscreens

Two sharpie markers

1 foam Brush 3-4" wide

6-10 Yogurt or plastic food containers with lids (quart size is best),

1 squirt bottle with small hole for drawing with thickened dye

2-4 pieces cardboard (recycled cardboard from boxes) about page size or larger

Scissors for cloth and paper

Notebook, pencil/pen

Camera, phone camera, or something to remember processes!

Things for printing: 1-2 yards of string, stencils, cutouts from plastic. Don't buy anything, just look for objects that are slightly raised surface (like under 1/16").

Silk screens (2 or more) 18" X 24" or similar size. (order from Dick Blick

<http://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-cord-stretched-frame-with-110-monofilament-polyester-mesh/>) or purchase \$30 from Pat Pauly

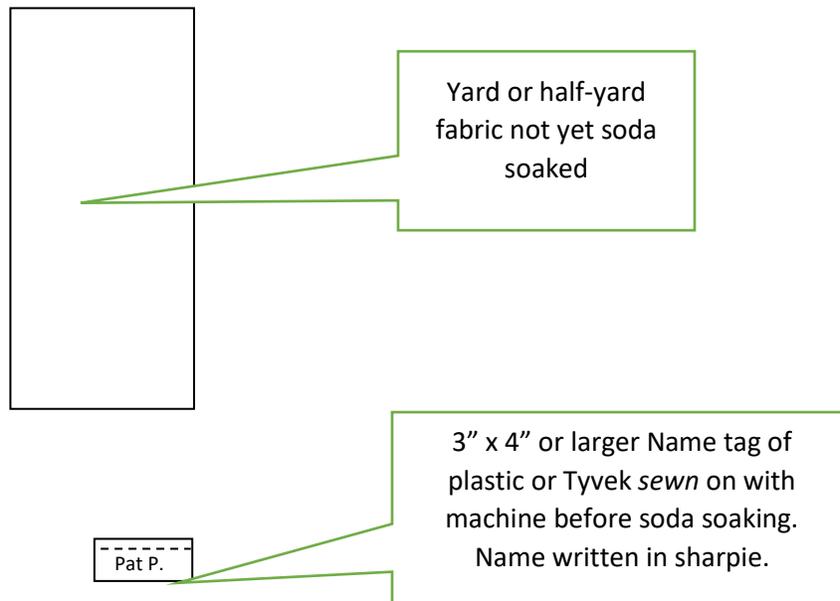
Fabric: 10 yards minimum, cut in ½ to 1 yard pieces (feel free to bring more like 10-20 yards) of pfd 100% cotton. I order from Test Fabrics #419 or #400M. Call for prices and availability. May also use

other than cotton like linen, shirt weight silk, lightweight canvas, predyed cottons for experimentation. No thin fabrics like gauze.

To prepare fabric for printing for this class:

1. **This is really important!** BEFORE SODA SOAKING YOUR FABRIC (step 2) **Sew tags with a sewing machine (not pinned or stapled) to your fabric** with tyvek (old US mail envelopes, add in sharpie marker your *first name and last initial* .

These tags should hang off one corner, can be larger than 3" x 4", but not smaller.



2. **Soda Soak** Make ahead of class, soda soak your fabric. In a large bucket add one gallon warm water to one cup sodium carbonate (soda ash), add fabric loosely (a few pieces at a time) to this solution and soak 15 minutes or more. Ring out by hand, hang on a line to dry, **do not dry in dryer**. Here's a tip: after soaking, ring by hand slightly, then place in the bottom of a laundry tub or bathtub or shower, or similar (I've even used an empty bucket) to let "drain" for a while or overnight, and then when hanging up fabric there is a minimal drip of soda ash solution. Don't worry about wrinkles! We'll talk about how to deal with that, so ironing isn't necessary.