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Material fee \$70

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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 – to wrap up wet pieces at the end of class

One 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"

3 Wide scrapers 4" – 6" or better -- Bondo brand putty scrapers (paint department of home store)

About 9 long handled spoons – to stir dye (don't bring paint sticks)

Partial Roll of blue masking tape , Roll Duct tape for taping silkscreens

Two sharpie markers

10 yogurt or similar (quart size) with lids (no wide mouth containers)

1 squirt bottle with small hole for drawing with thickened dye (hair dye applicator size)

Scissors for cloth and paper

Notebook, pencil/pen, 6 sheets of copy paper

Camera /phone camera, or something to remember processes!

Things for printing: 1-2 yards of string, thin plastic stencils, cutouts from plastic (under 1/16"). Please just bring a handful – not a boxful!

Notebook of ideas for motif. See my Pinterest board

<https://www.pinterest.com/patpauly/motif-for-surface-design/>

Silk screens 4 (or more) 16" X 20" or similar size. (order from Dick Blick

<http://www.dickblick.com/products/blick-cord-stretched-frame-with-110-monofilament-polyester-mesh/>)

or purchase \$35 from Pat Pauly at the class. Try your luck, or send Pat an email to reserve patpaulyart@gmail.com

Fabric: 20 yards minimum, cut in ½ to 1 yard pieces (feel free to bring more like 20 yards) of pfd 100% cotton. I order from Test Fabrics #419 or #400M. Call for prices and availability. May also use other fabric like linen, shirt weight silk, lightweight canvas, predyed cottons for experimentation. No thin fabrics like gauze. Make sure your fabric is prepared for dyeing, and labeled as such PFD

To prepare fabric for printing for this class: Videos (look for word salad at bottom of blog for “video” to see all the printing videos and suggestions) are on my blog on how I soda soak. Look on computer, not your phone.

<https://piecesandresistance.blogspot.com/2020/06/how-i-soda-soak-fabric.html>

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.