T-shirt design with the batik technique

Instructions No. 3660

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour

Would you like to transform a plain T-shirt into a truly unique piece? With the crinkle technique for textile dyeing, you can create a creative DIYproject that delivers great results even without any previous experience. The targeted crumpling and dyeing creates exciting color gradients and patterns - each piece becomes unique. In this step-by-step guide, you will learn how to dye your T-shirt correctly, fix the color and enjoy your self-designed garment for a long time.



Preparation: Protect your work area and dampen the fabric

Before you start dyeing the T-shirt, carefully cover your work surface. This will prevent paint splashes from staining furniture or floors. Then put on gloves to protect your hands from the textile paint

Now spray the T-shirt evenly with water on both sides. The fabric should be well damp, but not dripping wet. Moistening is important so that the textile paint is later better distributed in the fabric and blends smoothly.

Creasing the T-shirt: The basis for the crumpled look

Lay the moistened T-shirt on the prepared surface and loosely shape it into a ball. Irregular folds are created when crumpling - these are exactly what give the typical crumpled effect later on. Gently press the ball of fabric together without pulling it smooth. The more irregular the folds, the more lively the pattern will be.

textile paint apply and work in

Now it's time to get colorful: apply the paint to both sides of the crumpled T-shirt. Make sure that all areas get color. Then knead the dye thoroughly into the fabric. This means that you gently press and move the ball so that the dye penetrates deep into the fibers and is evenly distributed.
This step is crucial for a harmonious color result. Take your time and work the color in carefully.

Carefully unfold the fabric and leave to dry

After dyeing, carefully unfold the T-shirt. Do not pull hard on the fabric to preserve the color gradients. Then hang up the T-shirt and leave it to dry completely. The color can only be fixed once the fabric is completely dry.

Fixing the color: For a lasting result

To ensure that your dyed T-shirt remains brightly colored even after washing, the color must be fixed. Fixing means that the color pigments are firmly bonded to the textile fibers using heat.

There are two ways to do this:

- In the oven: Preheat the oven to 150 °C and fix the T-shirt for around 8 minutes.
- With the iron: Iron the dry T-shirt to cotton temperature for around 3 minutes. Place a cloth between the iron and the fabric and work on an area of around 30 × 30 cm.







Your customized batik T-shirt is ready

After fusing, your self-designed T-shirt is ready for use. The crinkle technique creates a modern, creative look and makes each item of clothing unique. Ideal for DIYprojects, creative gifts or simply to add a personal touch to your closet.

Get creative now - with the right products

Have you got the desire to dye a T-shirt yourself or implement other textileDIYideas? In our online store you will find a large Selection range of high-quality textile dyes and accessories for your next craft project. Browse through our range now and get started on your creative project straight away!

Must Have



Kids t-shirt, white, Clothing Size 164

Size: 164
Grammage: 145 g/m²

7,10 CHF

Item details

Quantity: - 1 + Add to cart



Men T-shirt, Size XL

Grammage: 135 g/m²

7,40 CHF

Item details

Quantity: - 1 + Add to cart

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
121286	VBS Pump sprayers, 10 pieces	1
28749	Marabu Batik paint liquid "Tie Dye"Black	1
28738	Marabu Batik paint liquid "Tie Dye"Yellow	1
28739	Marabu Batik paint liquid "Tie Dye"Mandarin	1
28742	Marabu Batik paint liquid "Tie Dye"Raspberry	1
28743	Marabu Batik paint liquid "Tie Dye"Plum	1
28746	Marabu Batik paint liquid "Tie Dye"Caribbean	1
28747	Marabu Batik paint liquid "Tie Dye"Pastel-Green	1