Dyeing with Colour Magnet

You will need: Light Coloured T-Shirt, Pencil, Paper, Fine Paint Brush, Screen, Parcel Tape, Drawing Fluid, Squeegee, Colour Magnet, Procion MX Dye, Soda Ash, Rubber Gloves, Elastic Bands, Plastic Bag, Plastic Jug, Measuring Spoons

Step 1

Trace your design onto your screen with a pencil. Elevate your screen above the table top and paint Speedball Drawing Fluid in the areas that you want to print. Let dry.

Step 2

Tape up your screen and screen print a layer of Speedball Screen Filler over your painted image. The Drawing Fluid will resist the Screen Filler. Let dry.

Step 3

Wash out the Drawing Fluid with cold water and a plastic brush if necessary. You should be able to see light through the areas that were painted with Drawing Fluid.

Step 4

Put a piece of card in between the layers of your shirt. Place the screen on top and screen print on a layer of Colour Magnet. You will need to press hard with your squeegee as it is quite thick.

Step 5

When completely dry, tie up your shirt with elastic bands if using a tie dye technique. Make sure there are no bands across the printed part or the dye will not reach the Colour Magnet.

Step 6

Dissolve 1/2 tsp of dye in 100mls of warm water and 1tsp of soda ash in 50mls of hot water. Mix the two solutions together and use straight away.

Step 7

Immerse the fabric in the dye, making sure the whole garment is covered. Squeeze out any excess dye and place in a plastic bag for 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

Step 8

When the time is up, take out your shirt and rinse it in cold water until the water runs clear. Wash in the machine or by hand at 60'c with non-bio detergent or colsperse.

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