# Color Explorations:

Expand Your Palette & Your Stash

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## Supplies to Bring to Class

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- If you are flying to Sisters and can't bring some of the bulkier items such as paper towels, buckets, and containers with you, many of the non-fabric supplies can be purchased in Sisters at Dollar General and Bi-Mart or you'll find Walmart, Target, and other general merchandise stores in Redmond, not too far from the airport there.
- \$40 supply fee paid to instructor in class covers 2 days of shared dyes, ice, and other supplies—be sure to read this entire supply list to see what else you need to bring.

### Fabric

Different types of fabric will yield different results; good quality fabric works best.

- Any 100% natural cellulose/plant-based fiber can be used. This includes cotton, rayon, linen, bamboo, and ramie. You can also use silk.
- You can also use light-colored previously dyed fabric or commercial prints (including white-on-white prints) that you'd like to transform.

*Important:* Prewashing all fabric (including PFD fabric) in <u>hot</u> water using detergent or Synthropol or Dharma Professional Textile Detergent is recommended—don't use fabric softener or dryer sheets.

Have 8–10 yards of fabric, you can also use pre-hemmed scarves, garments, or household items such as napkins, tablecloths, curtains, etc.

!!Do not use polyester, any synthetics or blends, or fabric that is permanent-press!!

### Other Supplies

NOTE: do not use any of the following for food after they have been used with dye.

- Rubber gloves—dishwashing type, the longer the better
- Shorter medical type gloves (latex or nitrile)—(in addition to rubber gloves) will also be helpful
- Dust mask (N95 or KN95 recommended)
- At least 2 plastic containers with wide mouths and screw-on lids that don't leak when shaken vigorously (test this before using with dyes)—options include condiment squeeze bottles and recycled food containers—just make sure the opening is large enough to fit a spoon into and that it doesn't leak when shaken

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- 6–8 one-pint (6 8 oz) size plastic containers and 5–6 one-quart (32 oz) size plastic containers, such as recycled yogurt & cottage cheese containers
- 1-gallon size zip-type plastic bags (10-12 of them)
- Set of measuring spoons
- 1 cup measuring cup (plastic)
- Several plastic spoons
- Scissors
- 1–2 buckets, 2 1/2 5 gallon size (bring them if you can, if not, don't worry, there will be some to share)
- Plastic for covering workspace
- Plastic clothespins (used when putting fabric outside to dry, plastic because wooden ones absorb & transfer dye colors)
- Paper towels
- Masking tape
- Small kitchen whisk about 3" 5" long (optional, but helpful)