

CREATE YOUR OWN FABRIC DESIGN - HOW TO MARBLE FABRIC USING SHAVING CREAM

4-H Clothing and Textiles Project



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If you look in your closet, you probably have some clothes that are made from fabric that has a design. Some may be printed with flowers, geometric designs, or abstract designs.

Look at your t-shirts that have designs printed on them. These are made through a process called screen printing, where each color of the design is transferred through a screen with the design etched in it. Color can be applied to fabric (garments) using different techniques. You have probably done tie-and-dye before.

In this activity you will explore applying color using shaving cream to “marble” fabric. Hint: use bright colors to create the best results.



Supplies needed:

- Shaving Cream
- Fabric Paint (If you don't have this, try whatever type paint you have)
- Pan of some sort to spray the shaving cream in.
- Garbage bag
- Ruler with metal edge (or other metal edge)
- Fabric (White Cotton Fabric if preferable)
- Toothpicks or Pencil (for swirling paint)
- Sink (somewhere nearby)
- Iron/Ironing board/pressing cloth

1. Begin by spraying your surface (in this case a pan) with shaving cream. Rub it around until you have a thick enough layer to cover the bottom of the pan completely.



2. Add dots or random squirts of the paint you'd like, on top of the shaving cream.



3. Using a toothpick or something pointy, swirl the paint around until you reach your desired look.



4. Place the fabric on top of the swirled paint, with the side you want dyed face down into the shaving cream.
5. Pat the fabric gently into the shaving cream until you can see the pattern appearing on the other side.
6. Carefully lift up your fabric from the corners and place the clean side down onto a garbage bag.
7. Using the metal edge of a ruler (*or anything you can find with a flat edge*), scrape off the shaving cream as evenly as possible with a smooth consistent motion. Rinse and wash the ruler.
8. Let your paint dry on your fabric, and then heat set by placing a pressing cloth over the paint and pressing with a dry, hot iron.

Now you should be able to wash your fabric without losing any color!

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