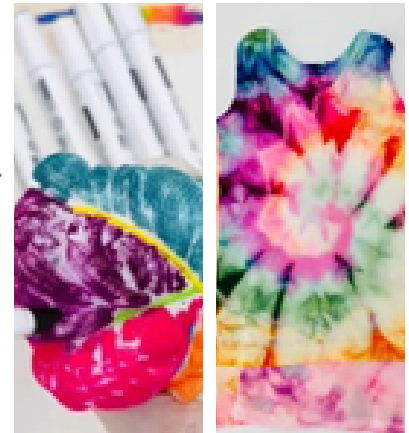


Tye Dye with Markers

No messy dye needed! This fun and easy twist on tie-dye uses washable markers and rubbing alcohol to create beautiful, colourful designs on fabric. Children will love watching their artwork transform right before their eyes as the colours spread and blend – just like magic! It's a perfect mix of creativity and science too!

What you need:

- White cotton fabric or T-shirt (100% cotton works best)
- Washable markers (bright, bold colours work well)
- Rubbing alcohol (at least 70% isopropyl alcohol) already in a spray bottle.
- Rubber bands
- Plastic cups or containers (optional, for shaping fabric)
- Protective surface (plastic tablecloth, cardboard, or tray)
- Gloves or aprons (optional)



What to do:

1. Lay the shirt or fabric flat on your workspace. If decorating a T-shirt, place cardboard inside to prevent colours from bleeding through.
2. Use washable markers to draw colourful designs, shapes, dots, or spirals. You can work freehand or fold and secure the fabric with rubber bands (like traditional tie-dye) before drawing.
3. Adult supervision required - lightly spray the coloured areas with rubbing alcohol or use a dropper to apply it directly. Watch as the colours start to spread and blend! The more alcohol, the more the design will blur and fade.
4. Leave the fabric to dry completely. This may take a few hours depending on how much alcohol was used. Drying outdoors in the sun speeds things up and adds to the camp vibe!

Optional: adults only - set the design - once dry, you can heat-set the colours by placing the fabric in the dryer on high for 10–15 minutes. This helps prevent fading (note: colours may still wash out slightly over time since washable markers are used).

Tips & Variations:

- Try using plastic cups to stretch fabric over for a bullseye effect or roll up and hold with elastic bands for different designs.
- Let children experiment with colour mixing – what happens when blue meets yellow?
- Use this technique to decorate tote bags, pillowcases, or even headbands for a full camp craft set!

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