



## Tie Dye Fun!

### You will earn your fun patch by:

1. Pick something you want to tie dye!
  - a. With an adult, choose one (or more) light-colored item from your closet you'd like to tie dye. The colors will be brighter if you choose something white (socks, t-shirts, shorts, etc.).
  - b. Find out if anyone else in your home has clothing or accessory items they would like tie dyed too!
2. Gather your tie and dye materials!
  - a. There are a few different ways to tie dye! Most designs are created with rubber bands (or hair ties). You may choose not to tie your item, although the colors are much more likely to run together and turn it a brown-ish color. If you're not using rubber bands, keep the different colors far apart so they don't blend.
  - b. For your dye, you can use Sharpies, food coloring mixed with water, pre-made dye from a tie dye kit, a fabric dye like Rit, acrylic paints mixed with water and a textile fabric medium ([click here](#) for an example) fabric paint mixed with water, and dye made from powder that you mix with water.
3. Get your supplies ready!
  - a. Wash the item(s) you're dyeing and create the desired dye pattern with rubber bands (or not, if you choose!). The item should remain damp until the dye is applied, so there's no need to dry! Check out [Tie Dye Your Summer](#) for all the different ways you can tie your material to create interesting designs!
  - b. Wear gloves and prepare your dye materials. Squirt bottles are helpful, but you can still tie dye without them! However, you will most likely need an adult's help. If you're dyeing with Sharpies, you'll need to use rubbing alcohol in a dropper to spread the color out (definitely get help here 😊). Make sure to have an adult help you make the dye using whatever materials you have at home. If you're using paint, powder dye, or food coloring, ask an adult to help you mix it with water. If you have a plain colored t-shirt, an adult can help you tie dye with bleach too!
  - c. Have a large plastic bag ready to put your item in when you're finished dyeing. This will keep your item damp while you let the dye soak in. One item per bag.
4. Apply dye to fabric
  - a. Now is the time to add the mixed dye formula to your prepared fabric! If you're using a Sharpie, you'll need to have an adult help you use rubbing alcohol to spread the dye on the fabric to create the tie dye effect. If you are using any of the other dye options (from Step 2b), you will apply the dye mixtures to the areas sectioned off on your fabric. The squirt bottle will help you have more control over where you're applying the dye. If you don't have these, you can dip the areas of the fabric you're dyeing into the dye you've prepared.
  - b. Tutorials are sometimes helpful. Check this one out: [Tie-Dye 101: Tips & Tricks](#)
  - c. Once the dye has been applied, place your item(s) in plastic or 1-gallon Ziploc bags, and seal the bag so your item stays damp while it sets. Leave it for at least 6-8 hours.
5. Check out your creation!
  - a. Remove the dyed item, untie the rubber bands, and rinse the item in your kitchen sink. You'll want to rinse it under cold, warm, and hot water until the water runs clear.
  - b. Wash the item on its own so you don't accidentally dye the items you're washing with it.
  - c. Check out this website to see the ways natural dyes can be made from vegetables! [All Natural Tie Dye DIY](#)

**When you're finished:** Congratulations, you have earned your tie dye fun patch! You can purchase using this link for \$1.50 each patch: <https://gsksmo.doubleknot.com/event/patches/2747743>

