

Feel you have an idea bursting out of you? Awesome! Gather your t-shirt (or whatever cotton item you want to dye), a few colors of dye (at the library we use RIT brand dye), container of salt, a handful of rubber bands, a couple of buckets, and a pair of gloves (to help keep the dye off your skin).

Step 1: Fill each bucket with salt, dye and water per the instructions on your brand of dye. Stir it up to get the salt to dissolve. Keep one color per bucket and one bucket with clear water. You will dip your wrapped shirt in this bucket before you start dying it.

Step 2: Twist and wrap your shirt with the desired number of rubber bands. Remember, wrap them tightly to get the best white spots. Anywhere the rubber bands are, the dye won't adhere to the fabric.

Step 3: With your gloves on, dip the parts of your shirt into each color you want to add. Try to keep the colors a little bit separate as too many colors in one spot can make a rather ick shade of brown. The longer you hold your item in the dye, the darker the color will be.

Step 4: Set your item aside to dry overnight. Then run it under some water to get the extra dye out and squeeze the excess water into the sink. Take the rubber bands off. When you wash your item for the first time, be sure to not put any other clothes into that load. Sometimes extra dye can come off and it will permanently stain other clothes.

Step 5: Wear and Enjoy! Be sure to take a photo and tag the library with #62days62ways so we can see your amazing work of art.