

Folded Designs

Your dining room table will take on a whole new dimension when you dye napkins, bandannas, pillow tops and shirts in glowing colors. Every design will be a feast!

TIP

Try folded techniques on a paper towel first to see how the dye designs work.

Tie-dye can be much more than a bright Rainbow colored T-shirt. It is an ancient craft that has been used to decorate fabrics in countries around the world for thousands of years. Interesting geometric patterns can be created by folding fabric in squares or triangles and then binding it with chopsticks and rubber bands. Clothespins can be added on some folds to make rectangular spots.

Here we show fabrics dyed with these techniques. One is called a 'flag fold' because it is based on the way a flag is folded for storage. Create a star by folding fabric into a long triangle then binding it with chopsticks at a slant.

These designs work best on light to medium weight fabric. Folds should always be done accordion style so dye will be more evenly distributed.

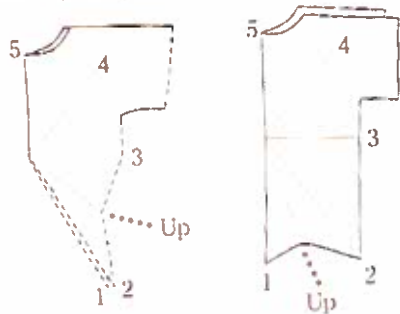
NOTE: The pictured designs were done on 18" square napkins.



Star Fold - Dark Blue and Turquoise dye. Chopsticks Bind with 2 pairs of chopsticks and rubber bands. Place chopsticks on a slant to make points of star. Apply Turquoise dye to point of star and outer edges. Apply Dark Blue dye to space between chopsticks and on edges of folds.

Fold - Bring line 1 to line 2 and crease fold up on dotted line. To make second fold, bring line 2 to line 3 and crease up on dotted line. Repeat with remaining lines.

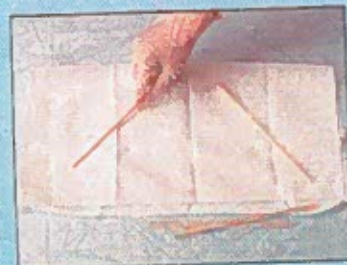
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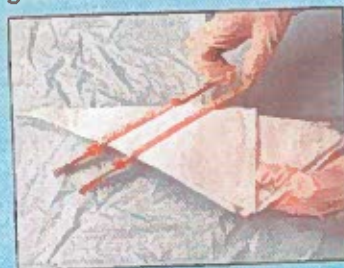
1. Soak napkin in fixer solution. Fold in half with right side out.



2. Mark lines on cloth with chopsticks or a disappearing ink pen referring to diagram above.



3. Bring lines together and fold napkin with creases up.



4. Bind with 2 pairs of chopsticks and rubber bands. Place chopsticks on a slant to make points of star.