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Supply List for Layer, Build, Play with Thickened Dye.

Whenever possible try to reuse or recycle supplies and materials that you may already own. Substitute and get creative with your supplies. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

General Supplies:

- Plastic drop cloth- shower curtains work well for this purpose
 - Padding such as old towels, quilt batting- this will be used to make a padded work surface. It will get dye on them. It should measure roughly 3 foot square.
 - Small bucket
 - Box of disposable gloves or dish washing gloves
 - 4 and 6 inch white foam roller and frame. I have found Linzer and Ace brands in this style and have bought them at Home Depot and Ace Hardware. The white foam has a fine texture and works best for this reason.
 - disposable paint tray to fit above roller
 - apron
 - 10 to 12 yogurt cups or similar
 - 1 Gallon zip lock bags
 - dust mask
 - Sticky Back Craft Foam tracing paper, 2 sheets
 - acetate to mount stamps
 - Foam brushes, cheap paint brushes in various sizes.
- Nothing fancy.

- Alvin 958 5 inch Oval Ruling Pen or similar
- acrylic paint (Neopaque, ProChem's proprietary brand, fabric paint-minimal color black or Red, Blue, Yellow, White and Black).
- Scissors
- #11 x-acto knife and additional blades, Pens, pencils, notebook
- Rags- they can be washed and reused. Paper Towels are OK too.
- plastic mixing spoons
- Duct tape
- Freezer Paper
- small self healing cutting mat (4x6")
- Pocket Color wheel
- additional cloth purchased from a reliable source, 5 yards cotton and silk organza. Must be PFD (Prepared For Dyeing- meaning it has no additional finished or coatings, if you understand how to soda soak cloth it would be helpful for you to soak and drip dry the cloth prior to class. Otherwise we will be able to soak and drip dry cloth in class)
- Dropper bottle or eye dropper

I will prepare one yard of cloth for each student to get us started and we will prepare additional cloth in class.

Not all cloth bought from stores is dyable; they may have finishes that prevent dye from being able to penetrate the fiber. Scouring fabric *may* take these finishes off; wash the cloth in a ½ cup soda ash and ½ cup detergent prior to soda ash soaking.

To be safe purchase cloth from Test Fabrics, Dharma Trading or your favorite trusted source

<http://www.dickblick.com/products/artists-color-wheel/>

Pocket Color Wheel

<http://www.amazon.com/Alvin-958-5in-OvalRuling/dp/B0015AQQ90>

Alvin 958 5 inch Oval Ruling Pen

<http://www.thaisilks.com/> Affordable, beautiful silk fabrics, they sell small quantities to artists, get some sheers, experiment with new fabrics.

<http://www.testfabrics.com/products/fabrics.htm> Bleached, Mercerized Combed Broadcloth, (133 x 72) 45" Wide. Test Fabrics is the place to purchase 50 or more yards of cloth.

<http://www.dharmatrading.com/> has great silk organza among other beautiful, dye-able cloth

Things to save/recycle:

Onion bags, foam or Styrofoam sheets, start looking for flat things with texture, printable surfaces. Lace, paper doilies, paper cut outs, dry wall tape