

# True Blue

## supply list

- Scissors and/or thread snips
- seam ripper
- thimble (if you like to use one)
- Hand sewing needles - I like Millinery size 9, Quilt Basting size 7, and Doll Making needles (I will bring the thread for hand stitching)
- Soft pencil, chalk, or disappearing marker
- roll masking tape (partial roll is fine - any width)
- Spray bottle, such as a plant mister
- Cord and/or string: crochet cotton, cotton weaving warp, string, in various diameters is good, even preferred for pole wrapping techniques
- Hand full of rubber bands
- 1-teaspoon measure
- 24'' wood or plastic stick to stir your indigo bath
- Shapes for clamping: jar lids, metal washers, wooden shapes in sets of 2 per shape (squares, rectangles, triangles),
- 8 or more pair of bamboo chop sticks – the cheap kind
- 1 plastic drop cloth, at least 2 ml in thickness
- Any clamping device (c-clamps, bulldog clips, squeeze/spring clamps, bag or hair clips, etc.)
- One 1 to 5-gallon bucket or plastic pail for rinse water
- One 4 to 5-gallon bucket, as a dye bucket
- Roll of paper towels and sponge for cleaning up around your table
- Rubber gloves - Playtex-type household gloves that are at least 4-5" above your wrist
- A few pair of disposable gloves
- Clothes pins – a generous hand full
- Smock/apron, work clothes and even old shoes
- Questions, ideas, desires, and any troubleshooting fabric pieces you've dyed that stump you.
- Write, call or email if you have any questions about the supply list.

### • Fabric

Bring about 10 yards of washed and dried fabric. Choose a cellulose fiber such as: cotton, linen, hemp, rayon, tencel, bamboo, or any combination of these. Bring silk along if you'd like, but not as your only fabric. Feel free to bring PFD fabric that is not dyed to work on in addition to commercially or previously dyed fabric to dye over.

Besides your local fabric store and your stash, some sources for fabric are:

Dharma Trading 1-800542-5227 [www.dharmatrading.com](http://www.dharmatrading.com)

Exotic Silk/Thai Silk 1-800-722-SILK [www.exoticsilks.com](http://www.exoticsilks.com) and [www.thaisilks.com](http://www.thaisilks.com)

PRO Chemical & Dye 1-800-2-BUY-DYE [www.prochemicalanddye.com](http://www.prochemicalanddye.com)

Testfabrics 570-603-0432 [www.testfabrics.com](http://www.testfabrics.com)

Before class begins cut two 9" wide strips the width of the cloth and sew a piece of Tyvek to any edge of the cloth. You can do this with a sewing machine or by hand.

- Hand sewing needles, thread, & permanent black marker for marking and attaching Tyvek name labels.
- One large Tyvek mailing envelope – to use for name marking your cloth (free at the Post Office or bring a used one).

**Optional & Handy List** (if you have it and have room, bring it)

- Notebook, sheet protectors or journal for keeping notes, sketches, handouts, and samples of dyed techniques.
- Pleaters: smocking (Pullen or Reed), knife pleater (perfect pleater), and/or pretty pleater (for doll making)
- PVC pipe: one or more 2-3 foot lengths of 2"-4" diameter PVC plumbing pipe - smaller diameter is okay. Do not bring any piece longer than 3 feet.
- Old towels - any size
- 1 box straight pins
- Rotary mat, cutter and ruler
- Spool of Upholstery or Button & Carpet thread
- Sewing machine in good working order