

True Blue supply list

Scissors and/or thread snips
seam ripper
thimble, if you like to use one
package of sewing needles (I like Millinery needles best)
soft pencil and/or fugitive marker
see-through ruler
Hand sewing needles, spool of thread, and permanent black marker such as “Sharpie” or
“Rub-A-Dub” for marking and attaching tyvek name labels
roll masking tape (partial roll is fine – any width)
Spray bottle, such as a plant mister
cone or ball of inexpensive cotton, hemp, nylon, etc., string for pole wrapping shibori
techniques
Rubber bands
Shapes for clamping: jar lids, metal washers, wooden shapes in sets of 2 per shape (squares,
rectangles, triangles), chop sticks, ...
Any clamping device (c-clamps, bulldog clips, squeeze/spring clamps, bag or hair clips, etc.)
One 1-gallon plastic pail for rinse water
One or Two 2-and up to 5-gallon buckets (as a dye bucket)
Roll of paper towels and sponge for cleaning up around your table
Rubber gloves
A few pair of disposable gloves
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

Exotic Silk/Thai Silk 1-800-722-SILK www.exoticsilks.com and www.thaisilks.com

PRO Chemical & Dye 1-800-2-BUY-DYE www.prochemicalanddye.com

Testfabrics 570-603-0432 www.testfabrics.com

Before class begins cut one yard into four 9” strips. Cut one of these strips into 9” squares and the other three strips in half (9”x22”).

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 and cutter

Spool of Upholstery or Button & Carpet thread and sewing needles with large eye to fit
Waxed dental floss

Inspiration

Sort through your written and visual collection, selecting topics, colors, or patterns that excite you. Bring a selection of things: something from a collection you have that inspires you, a poem, journal writing, a book you are reading, an issue or topic (political or personal), photograph, and/or picture books.