

Scarf Painting Procedures

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Materials:

- Masking tape
- Looms (various sizes)
- Pencils/erasers
- Pant hangers
- Silk scarves
- Paint trays
- Art kit (Many supplies can be found through online suppliers such as Jacquard Products, Inc. (www.jacquardproducts.com/*)
 - Fabric dyes (30 colors)
 - Paint brushes
 - Color resist
 - Resist bottles and tips
 - Droppers
 - Salt

Procedures:

1. Tightly tape scarves to desk
2. Lightly sketch image onto scarf
 - DO NOT SHADE - that will be done with the dyes
 - Avoid small details, which will be difficult to resist and paint
3. Once drawing is complete, place scarf on loom and paint resist over pencil lines until all lines are covered. Allow time for resist to dry fully before moving loom.
Note: Depending on detail and size of scarf, this process could take a few days.
4. Using pant hanger to suspend scarf in a doorway or from the ceiling, begin painting. Note: Dyes will run if brushes are too wet when painting vertically. So, BE CAREFUL and TAKE YOUR TIME! The dye will spread easier if the brush is wet with water first. It does not take a lot of dye to paint a scarf; start with just 1-2 droppers full of dye in paint tray. It will go a long way!
 - Looms can also be used for painting. This is especially recommended for detailed areas
 - If a darker shade is desired, several coats of dye can be applied. This is also a good technique for creating contrast for a shading effect.
5. Once scarf is complete and dry, wash on a gentle cycle (alone or with other scarves) with a little detergent. This will set the dye and wash out the resist lines. Resist lines will be white when done.
6. Iron on a silk setting and enjoy.