

Stovetop Tie Dye Socks Pattern

Learn how to tie dye socks with this fantastic tutorial.

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Materials List

- Pair of white 100% nylon socks
- Packet of *red* t-shirt dye
- Packet of *royal blue* t-shirt dye
- Roll of 1mm wide cotton twine
- Roll of 3mm wide cotton twine
- 1 cup of salt
- Pair of rubber gloves
- 10 toy glass marbles
- Standard scissors
- Stainless steel pot



Instructions

Wash the socks and rinse them thoroughly in cold water to remove any sizing agent from the material. **Note:** Do not add fabric softener when rinsing the socks. Allow the socks to dry before proceeding to the next step.

Prepare the socks for the tie dyeing:

1. Put five marbles into the toe area of each sock. Tightly tie the thin twine just above the five marbles to keep them in place in the toe area, and then tie twine in between the five marbles to separate them from each other.



2. Gather the rest of the sock from above the marbles in a zig zag manner and use the thick twine to secure the gathered zig zags.



3. Crumple each sock and tie it with thin twine to keep it in position. Now you are ready to color the socks!



Tie Dye Instructions

1. Dissolve the red dye powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of salt in a liter of boiling water.
2. Once the powder and salt have dissolved, add more water to the pot. The pot should have enough water to completely cover the socks.
3. Bring the colored water to a boil.
4. Wet the socks in cold water, and then add it to the pot with the boiling dye solution.
5. Keep boiling the pot on the stove for 15-20 minutes. Stir the pot regularly to make sure that the socks get dyed on all sides.
6. **Note:** Wear rubber gloves when following this step. Take the socks out of the pot and rinse it in your sink with cold water to remove any excess dye. Keep rinsing until the water is clean and then gently cut off the twine added in step 3. Do not remove the rest of the twine, i.e. those around the marbles and the twine used to secure the zig zags.
7. Crumple each sock again and now tie the gathered socks with thick twine.



8. Repeat steps 3 to 7, now using the royal blue T-shirt dye.
9. Wearing rubber gloves again, take the socks out of the pot and rinse it to remove any excess dye. Keep rinsing until the water is clean and then gently cut off all the twine.
10. Rinse the socks again and then hang them in a shady area to dry.



Tip:

Even though the tie dye powder I used was recommended only for cotton, hemp, linen and viscose, it worked perfectly well with the nylon socks! The colors were much more intense, which created a great end result.