

# SOMETHING ARTSY: TIE DYE TIME!

What is the clothing staple of every Camp Chi camper ever? You guessed it, Tie Dye! Give all those old white tees a campy upgrade! If you don't have Tie Dye supplies at home, you can order some basic kits from [Amazon](#) or [Target](#). There is no right way to tie dye, but are some basic things you will need if you don't have a kit. But be warned, this artsy thing is also a bit messy, so plan accordingly.

## Supplies

- White, 100% cotton T-shirt (or other cotton item)
- A tie-dye ink kit (above) or several colors of dye
- Gallon-sized zip plastic bags
- Water (to add to the ink bottles)
- A spray bottle of water (helpful to dampen shirts before applying ink)
- Paper towels or rags for spills
- *And if you don't have a kit, you will also need:*
- *Squirt bottles*
- *Rubber bands*
- *Rubber gloves*

## Directions

- 1.If it is a new shirt, wash and dry it first (with no fabric softener or dryer sheet) have purchased a new T-shirt, machine wash and dry it first, but don't use fabric softener or a dryer sheet, to avoid leaving any kind of residue on the fabric that might repel the ink
2. Be sure to protect your surface, so either do this outside or cover the space with a plastic tablecloth.
3. Get your dye ready. If you bought a kit, set up the inks in the bottles according to the tie-dye instructions. If you bought powdered or liquid dye, prepare it according to package instructions and put the ink into the squirt bottles

4. Get the shirt damp. You can spray with water. Then choose your tie dye patten. Twist the shirt and wrap with rubber bands to secure it in your desired pattern. Here's a video to 4 easy and fun designs:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rM1M932ieD4&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rM1M932ieD4&feature=emb_title)

5. Now is when things get messy. And fun! You may want to put on some gloves or your hands will be colorful. Squeeze ink onto the sections per kit instructions or per the pattern you've decided to follow, or just do your own thing and freestyle it- you're the artists after all.

6. Once you've finished dying, place each shirt in a sealed plastic bag for 24 hours to allow the ink to set and the colors to become vibrant.

7. After 24 hours, put on a pair of rubber gloves, remove the shirt from the bag and rinse it in cold water (without removing the rubber bands) until the water runs clear of the dye. Then remove the rubber bands, rinse again, then machine wash and dry the shirts on the hottest setting allowed on the shirt tag. **Do not combine the shirts with any other clothing for that initial wash and dry in case any extra dye bleeds.**

8. Wear that tie dye and be proud you made it!