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Microwave Scarf Painting 15 minutes from start to finish!

Supplies and Equipment

G&S Procion[®] H Liquid Dyes
White Vinegar
Silk Scarf
Water
Sisal/Thick Rope

Brushes or Eye Droppers
Pyrex Dish (8"x12" or smaller)
Microwave Oven
Plastic Wrap
String

Step 1: Prep Work

- Decide on a pattern. There is no right or wrong design, have fun and be creative. You can use one of the following designs as a starting point.

- Free Form Webbed Design:* Take scarf out of the package and open up the scarf. That's it!
- Chevron:* Hold the ends or opposite corners of scarf and twist each end in the opposite direction until it is completely coiled.
- Snake Skin:* Lay a length of cotton sisal/thick rope over one end of a dry scarf and roll up the scarf around the rope. Scrunch the silk from each end towards the center.
- Fan Design (for long scarves):* Fold scarf in half. From one end, fold the scarf back and forth one inch at a time down the scarf. Using natural cord or string, tie the ends of the scarf so it doesn't unravel. You can tie more string along the width of the scarf.
- Striped Pattern:* The striped pattern comes from the actual painting. To prep for the painting, keep folding the scarf in half until you have an area approximately 8" x 8".

- Place tied scarf (untied if doing free form) into a 2:1 water to vinegar solution.
- Squeeze, DO NOT WRING excess liquid, scarf should still be very wet.

- Place wet scarf into Pyrex dish.

Step 2: Painting the Scarf

- Colour is everything. Choose colours that will go with what you wear. The colours will mix with each other on the scarf so try not to use too many.
- For full dye penetration flip the silk over and paint the reverse in the same manner.

Pattern 1 (Free Form Webbed Design):

Unfold the scarf and arrange by bunching into "valleys and peaks". Use a brush or dropper to apply the dye by touching the tip to the silk at random until scarf is well covered with dye.

Pattern 2 - 4: Leave the folded/tied scarf flat in the dish. Use a brush to apply the dyes to cover all white areas.

Pattern 5 (Striped): Fully load your brush with dye and paint two or three colours side by side in stripes (parallel or diagonal) along the silk.

Step 3: Cooking Time

- Place plastic wrap over the dish containing the painted scarf and completely seal. Make a venting hole!
- Microwave on high setting for 2.5 to 3 minutes depending on the wattage of the microwave. (ie. 800W is 2 1/2 minutes).

Step 4: Finishing

- Rinse the scarf in lots of cold running water till clear.
- Go to step one if you wish to add more colour or change the design.
- Wash in luke warm water and TNA Soap.
- Place in an old towel to blot moisture and press dry with a medium hot iron.