

Itajime Shibori: The Art of Resist Dying

Purpose: This class will teach you to use resists when dyeing fabric to make patterned designs. You will learn using everyday items, things from home, and pieces made specifically for a modern take on this Japanese art form.

Description: Using items you have around the house and yard, as well as special templates, you can recreate stunning Japanese Itajime Shibori designs. You can also venture out and try new things as you plan out and create your own fat quarters in this class full of “What if?”. Each student can plan to dye 12 fat quarters with options to dye them all one color or add in a second color. Additional colors will be available for purchase. Students can bring in items they’ve found at home such as marbles, popsicle sticks, and dental floss, etc to see exactly “What if I use...?” can turn into. Each student will be given acrylic resists in different shapes to use as well. We’ll go over what different folds will create, the way shapes will play out on the fabric, and best items to get the job done.

Kits:

Without Fabric \$45 includes kit of chemicals, dye, resists, and accessories for dying. **MUST PROVIDE OWN FABRIC** no more than 12 fat quarters or equivalent. Instructor not responsible for dye outcomes from use of own fabrics. Student is responsible for researching and providing the proper fabrics for this class. Additional fabric, resists, and kits will be available for purchase day off.

With Fabric \$85 includes 12 fat quarters of specially prepared fabric, kit of chemicals, dye, resists, and accessories for dying. Additional fabric, resists and kits will be available for purchase day off.

Requirements to bring: 2 containers at least 18 in x 24 in x 6 inches, assorted sizes of metal spring clamps (don’t go with the cheap plastic ones, they don’t have enough grip), clothes and shoes you don’t mind possibly getting permanent dye on, 2 trash bags, writing utensil, paper, roll of paper towels, a facemask, and any household items you might want to use as a resist like rubber bands, marbles, twine, popsicle sticks, dental floss, etc.