

# Dyed Paper Process

## Materials needed:

130# Watercolor paper  
Sponge for wetting paper  
Bowl of water  
Liquid fabric dye in plastic squeeze bottles  
plastic gloves (to protect hands from dye)

## Procedure:

1. Wet watercolor paper using sponge dipped in water. Do not puddle the water on the paper - the entire paper should be damp.
2. Use the plastic bottles to apply the dye to the paper. Squirt the dye onto the paper, allowing the damp paper to act as a catalyst in spreading the dye. This is the background for the dyed paper process.
3. Allow to dry.
4. When dry, apply another layer of dye by dripping or splattering the dye onto the dry background paper. You can drop puddles of the dye on the paper and use a drinking straw to "blow" thin lines of dye across the paper. Use contrasting colors to create depth. Allow to dry.
5. If desired, add a third layer of dye to the paper. A splattering of diluted bleach will lighten dark areas.
6. Use colored pencils, markers, paint/gel pens to enhance the paper.