

Spattered Dye Process

Materials needed:

- 130# Watercolor paper or heavyweight paper
- Fabric dyes (assorted colors) in plastic squeeze bottles
- Plastic spray bottles
- Sponge brush or wide paintbrush & water

Procedure:

1. Cover your work surface with newspaper or plastic.
2. Use the plastic squeeze bottles and/or plastic spray bottles (filled with dye) to spatter the paper with drips and splashes of dye. Apply one color at a time, experimenting with the control of the drips (i.e. hold the bottles close or far away from the paper when dripping/spattering).
3. Allow to dry completely.
4. Using plain water and a 3" brush or a sponge brush, "draw out" the colors of the dry dye into the white, non-dyed areas by painting the water close to, and just touching, the dyed splatters. Be careful not to just brush water haphazardly across the entire paper – this will cause the dyes to blend into a lovely brown color – rather, just take your time and go slowly so that you can control how much color you want to "draw out."
5. Allow to dry.
6. Use colored pencils, markers, paint/gel pens to enhance the paper.