

Y9 Textiles Article 1

WHAT IS SHIBORI

Shibori is a Japanese resist dyeing technique. Resist dyeing means that only the parts of the fabric that are exposed will get coloured and the rest will remain their natural colour. Basically you “resist” or prevent the dye from reaching sections of the fabric by twisting, tying and folding the fabric.

Shibori is generally associated with indigo dye but it’s more about the patterns than the colour. Indigo is a natural dye and has been used for centuries. It has a beautiful deep color and is well loved worldwide.

There are many different techniques in shibori to achieve different patterns and they all involve different ways of folding or binding your fabric. We used small pieces of wood and rubber bands to form different patterns. You can use different folding and binding techniques to create different patterns, and you are only limited by your imagination.

Folding your designs

There are a variety of ways to fold your fabrics and they will give you different results in your designs. Just keep in mind that the covered areas will stay white and the edges will take the dye. These make some pretty amazing patterns.

Try folding your items in an accordion pleat and rubber band them together.

Try using a square in the middle and folding your fabric around it with rubber bands.

We also used a piece of wood that was the same width as our fabric, accordion pleat the fabric and used rubber bands to hold it together.

