Enhance your home with simple shibori dye techniques. Traditional Indigo might be more difficult to source right now, however a number of Rit dye colors can be found at online retailers and larger grocery stores. Some characteristic shibori techniques include folding cloth around wooden squares or twisting it around a dowel, then securing with rubber bands before submerging the manipulated cloth into a dye vat. Materials that press against the cloth prevent dye from reaching that area, creating white or pale patterns against darkly dyed cloth, traditionally a range of indigo blues.

Follow these tutorials provided by Rit Dye for step-by-step instruction in a number of techniques.

RECOMMENDED AGE/SKILL LEVEL:

This project is accessible to children with adult supervision.

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RELATED MATERIAL AND RESOURCES

- MAKE artist instructor/WorkshopSF teacher Kristen Arzt online indigo class 4/3 and 4/4.
- Rit Dye’s website contains terrific, easy-to-follow tutorials on arashi, kanoko, and itajime techniques.
- Check out Design Sponge for their DIY shibori projects.
- Former exhibiting artist Rowland Ricketts’s indigo dyeing process can be found here.
- SF Chronicle Home Guide