

#### **AFRICAN TEXTILES (Tie & Die Techniques)**

#### Requirements:

- 3 medium size bowls (one for yellow, one for red and one for blue dye)
- Access to hot water or an electric kettle
- Fabric (perferably white cotton) cut to size 15" square per child
- String cut to 10" in length per child
- Gloves
- 3 Party cups (a cup for each colour dye)
- 3 teaspoons (a teaspoon for each colour dye)
- Common / table salt
- Dyes (primary colours) yellow, red and blue
- Chemicals Urea and Soda ash

#### **Preparation:**



Bowl 'A' Yellow



Bowl 'B' Red



Bowl 'C' Blue

### **Steps:** 1. 3 teaspoon full of common salt into each bowl

- 2. 1 teaspoon full (5 grams) of Urea into each bowl
- 3. 1 teaspoon full (5 grams) of Soda Ash into each bowl
- 4. 1 teaspoon full (5 grams) of Dye into each bowl (for yellow, red and blue dyes)
- 5. 5 party cup full of hot water into each bowl to dissolve and mix the salt, dye and chemicals

## THE DYE MIXTURE IS NOW READY FOR EACH COLOUR

- **Steps:** 6. Fold fabric to the desired patterns and tie with a string.
  - 7. Dip fabric into dyes for the desired effects making sure the colours over lap.

# Finishing:

- Steps: 8. Hang the dyed fabric to dry
  - 9. Steam iron to fix the dyes.

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