Crumple Tie-Dye Technique

No twisting, folding or pleating needed for this super easy tie-dye technique; just straight up scrunching!





All you need to get started is an item to tie dye and your favorite Tulip One-Step Tie-Dye Kit! Make sure the item you are going to tie dye is white or a very light colour, and made from 100% cotton or another natural-fiber fabric for best and brightest results. Before tie dyeing your item, make sure to wash it (without fabric softener) and leave damp. There's no need to presoak it in soda ash because Tulip One-Step Dyes already have soda ash in the formula. Cover your work area with a disposable plastic surface cover and you're ready to get started on the crumple tie-dye technique!



Lay your damp fabric out on the covered work surface. Scrunch the fabric into a crumpled mound. You can make the fabric loosely crumpled or really squish it all together for tighter, more defined crumples.



If you want to, you can secure your crumpled fabric with rubber bands before tie dyeing. This will help hold those crumples together more tightly if you are trying to achieve a super defined crumple tie-dye pattern. But you don't have to secure with rubber bands for this tie-dye look; it will still turn out looking awesome!



Mix your Tulip One-Step Dyes according to the packaging instructions, then apply to your crumpled fabric. You can apply one dye colour or multiple dye colours - there's no wrong way to do it! Tip: If you are applying several dye colours, it's okay to allow the dyes to mix on the damp fabric, just make sure they're colours that blend nicely together (example: red + blue = purple). Some colours will turn a brownish colour if they mix, so if you're unsure, try blending them together on scrap fabric first. Don't forget to flip your scrunched fabric over and apply dye to the backside as well. Place it in a sealed bag or cover with plastic to keep damp while the dye sets, then launder according to instructions.

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