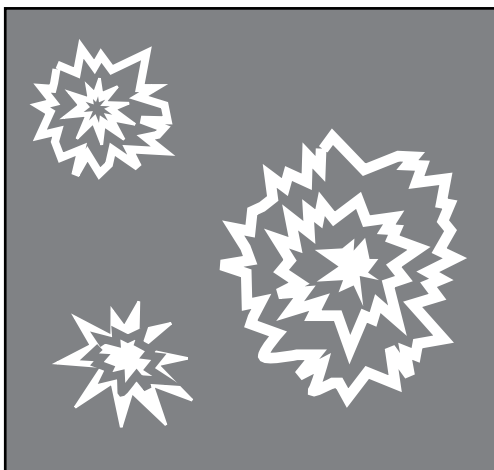
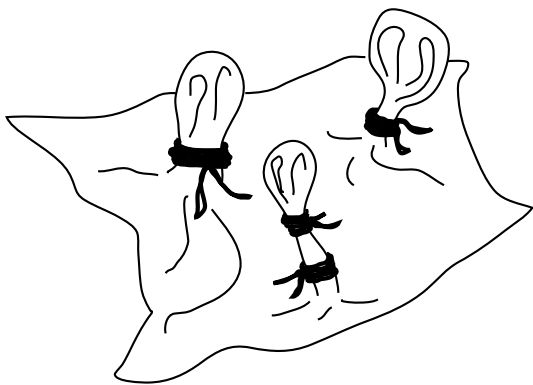


Tie Dye

You'll need:

- **clean** cotton or linen fabric (e.g. a pillowcase, large handkerchief or square of cloth)
- thin string or wool
- cold water dye (can be purchased from supermarkets or hardware stores)
- a large bowl or bucket
- a wooden spoon



1. It is important that your fabric is clean.
2. Decide where you want your tie dye patterns to be, and pull the fabric there up towards you into a point.
3. Tie the point up very firmly with the string or wool in two or three places. Make sure that the string/wool is very tight.
4. If you want more than one pattern to appear, make pulled up knots in other parts of your fabric (see image).
5. Mix your chosen coloured dye into the bowl or bucket. The dye should have clear instructions with it.
6. Put the knotted up cloth into the dye and leave to soak, poking and stirring occasionally with your wooden spoon (or a stick). Most dyes take about 20 minutes to penetrate the fabric, but the exact time will be with your dye's instructions.
7. Remove the fabric from the bucket or bowl and rinse thoroughly in cold water, then hang out to dry.
8. When your fabric is dry, carefully cut the ties out to reveal circular tie dye patterns where the dye has not soaked through the string.
9. If you like, you can now tie the fabric up again in different places and dye it using a different colour.
10. Once you've mastered the skill, you may like to try tie dyeing an old t-shirt or skirt, or even get a large piece of fabric and make a tablecloth for your family. The range of things to create is endless. Enjoy...