

## Silk scarf painting

### **Dye-Na-Flow Paints—General directions:**

1. Dampen scarf with water
2. Squirt or paint on colors
3. Let dry

OR

1. Roll, crumble, rubber band or otherwise manipulate scarf
2. Apply paints with an eye dropper, small squirt bottle or brush
3. Mist thoroughly with water
4. Let dry.

OR

1. Crumble up scarf into baggie
2. Squirt paints (small amounts) into baggie
3. Optional: sprinkle in coarse salt
4. Close bag and knead it
5. Take out scarf after several hours and allow it to finish drying

### **“Fixing” the color with Dye-Na-Flow**

1. Let dry thoroughly, preferably several days.
2. Press (don't iron!) with dry (no steam!) iron on highest heat the fabric can take. (You can use a press cloth and a very high setting.)

These instructions will give you bleeding, “watercolor” effect color. For more controlled placement of color you can try

1. Resist painting (see Dharma Company web site)
2. Sun painting (see Dharma Company or Dick Blick websites)
3. Stamping

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### **Spectra Art Tissue—General directions:**

1. Place tissue pieces on scarf
2. Mist thoroughly with water
3. Pat tissue completely onto scarf
4. Let dry

### “Fixing” Color:

1. Press with hot iron  
OR
2. Predampen scarf with vinegar and dry in the microwave

Note: Neither of these methods creates a truly colorfast fix.

This is a great project to do with children.

## Sources

Dharma Trading Company

Dye-Na-Flow paints, Spectra Art Tissue, Synthrapol, silk scarves,  
Information and tutorials

<http://www.dharmatrading.com>

Dick Blick Art Materials

Dye-Na-Flow paints, Spectra Art Tissue, some silk scarves, instructions &  
a tutorial

<http://www.dickblick.com>

Mayer, Anita Luvera. Creative Cloth: Designing and Embellishing Handwoven  
Fabric. Interweave DVD