

Dip Dyed Holiday Napkins

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Supplies & Tools

- White cotton napkins (or natural fiber)
- Rit All-Purpose Liquid Dye in your favorite colour(s)
- Salt
- 2 – 32oz Mason jars or other small containers
- Stir stick or metal spoon
- Latex gloves
- Paper towels
- Plastic table cover
- Rit ColorStay Dye Fixative (Recommended)



Skill Level: Beginner
Approximate Crafting Time: 1-2 hours

Directions

1. Cover table with plastic and gather supplies. Prewash the napkins to remove any finishes that may interfere with dye absorption.
2. Read & follow dye package instructions based on size of container you are using to dye. If using 32oz mason jars, use 3-5 tablespoons of dye to each jar depending on how dark you want the colour.
3. Heat water to boiling and fill each jar $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up and stir well. Add about one tablespoon of salt to each dye bath and stir until totally dissolved.
4. Test the colour of dye on a scrap fabric or piece of paper towel to ensure desired colour. If colour is too light, add more dye; if color is too dark, add more water. Items will look darker when wet and prior to washing.
5. Next, roll the wet napkin. Put on your latex gloves, and then dip the entire napkin into the dye bath and quickly pull out partially, keeping one end submerged in the dye for longer. The dye will creep up a bit to create a ombre wash.
6. Once desired colour is achieved, remove napkin and squeeze out excess dye and set aside. Continue dip dyeing each napkin in the dye bath.
7. **Recommended:** To enhance the colour and reduce colour bleeding, use Rit ColorStay Dye Fixative immediately after dyeing and before washing, following package instructions. Let set for 20 minutes.
8. Wash, dry, and use!