

DIP DYED TABLECLOTH

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Supplies & Tools

- Round Cotton Table Cloth
- Rit All-Purpose Liquid Dye: Black (or your favourite colour(s))
- Large Plastic Container
- Measuring Cup
- Salt
- Plastic Gloves
- Plastic Table Cover
- Paper Towels
- Rit ColorStay Dye Fixative (recommended)



Skill Level: Beginner

Approximate Crafting Time: 1 hour

Directions

1. Cover work area with plastic table cover and have paper towels handy to protect against any possible spills. Gather supplies.
2. For best results, prewash table cloth to remove any finishes that may interfere with dye absorption. Leave damp.
3. Wearing rubber gloves, fill a large container or stainless-steel sink with 3 gallons of very hot water. The water should ideally be 140°F. If tap water is not hot enough, heat water on the stove or kettle and add to the dyebath. Pour 1/2 bottle of well-shaken dye into dyebath.
4. To enhance the colour, add one cup of salt. Add 1 teaspoon of dish detergent to help promote level dyeing.
5. Stir well.
6. Test colour by dipping a paper towel into the dyebath. If colour is too light, add more dye. If color is too dark, add more water.
7. Fold table cloth in half and in half again and dip edge of tablecloth into dyebath. Move up and down to create variations.
8. When satisfied with color, remove tablecloth from dyebath.
9. Wearing rubber gloves, squeeze out excess dye.
10. **Recommended:** Use ColorStay Dye Fixative immediately after dyeing and before washing to enhance colour, increase colour retention and prevent dye from bleeding into white areas. Immerse table cloth into fixative for 20 minutes, following directions on the bottle.
11. Rinse in cool water until water runs clear.
12. Wash in warm water with mild detergent, rinse and dry.