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## TRANSFER PRINTING TECHNIQUES

*Transfer or Disperse Dyes are a range of concentrated powders for use on Polyester or Poly blends. The powders are mixed to a paste with water and painted onto paper, then transferred to polyester, nylon, secondary acetate and poly/cotton fabrics with a heat press or iron.*

### **DIRECTIONS:**

You'll need some fabric, Photo copy paper or Litho paper, an artists palette, Brushes, Iron and Ironing Board or heat press, Old cotton sheeting.

Dissolve dye powder - in a palette or small jar with some hot water. The thicker the paste the stronger the colour - the thinner paste gives more of a wash effect - great for background colour. Dye colours will vary in strength so it is best to sample your mixtures before commencing.

Draw your design on a sheet of paper.

Paint onto the design with the Disperse paste - any cartridge, litho or photocopy paper will do as long as its not too glossy or too absorbent. Some of the stronger colours wont show up as true to colour but will develop when they are transferred.

Lay your fabric or garment flat on a firm surface or ironing board. Lay paper colour side down on fabric, cover with a second sheet of paper and then iron firmly and smoothly with a hot DRY iron for 1-2 mins or until colour has fully developed. Iron as hot as fabric will allow but be careful not to scold, burn or melt fabric. This will transfer the image from the paper to the fabric. No other fixing is necessary. Paper can also painted in blocks of colour and cut into shapes or designs which are then laid on the fabric and transferred as above.

### **A FEW HINTS:**

- \* check your fabrics
- \* It's a good idea to pin the print to the fabric or garment to stop movement when ironing it.
- \* Dyes may be mixed with Guar paste or wallpaper paste to print through a silk screen onto paper,
- \* These dyes will also dye nylon and polyester in a boiling dyebath.
- \* Transfer Dyes are also available in liquid form – TRANSPRINT DYES