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TRANSFER PRINTING TECHNIQUES

A simple alternative to “direct” textile printing

DISPERSE DYE powders are mixed to a paste with water painted onto paper and then transferred to polyester, nylon, secondary acetate and poly/cotton fabrics with a heat press or iron.

TO DISSOLVE POWDER:

Place a little (1 teasp) dye powder - in a palette or small jar. Mix to a paste with 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.

TO USE THE PASTE:

1) Paint or stencil paste onto paper - any cartridge, litho or photocopy paper will do as long as its not too glossy or too absorbent. (35-80gsm)

Lay fabric or garment flat on a firm surface. 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.

2) Paint paste as before onto paper. This process lends itself well to multi-coloured effects. Mix and blend several colours on one sheet of paper, creating abstract patterns and designs.

Cut coloured paper into shapes or strips. Place these face down onto fabric as before, cover with a second sheet of paper and iron firmly with a hot DRY iron for 1-2 mins.

A FEW HINTS:

* Check your fabrics - Transfer Dyes work best on Polyester & Nylon fabrics and to a lesser degree on Poly/cotton fabrics.

* It's a good idea to pin the print to the fabric or garment to stop movement when ironing it.

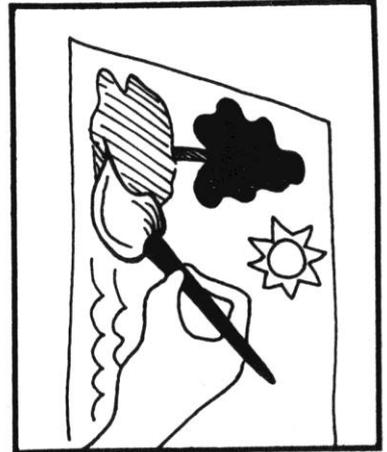
* Dyes may be mixed with Guar Gum, Alginate or wallpaper paste to print through a silk screen onto paper.

* These dyes will also dye nylon and polyester in a dyebath at the boil.

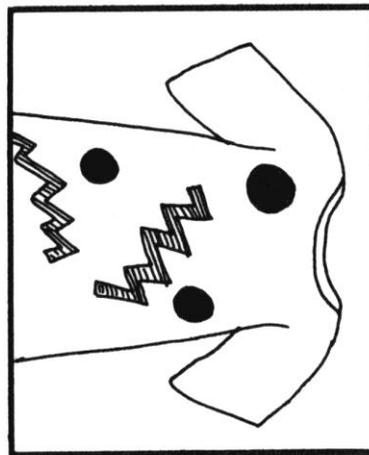
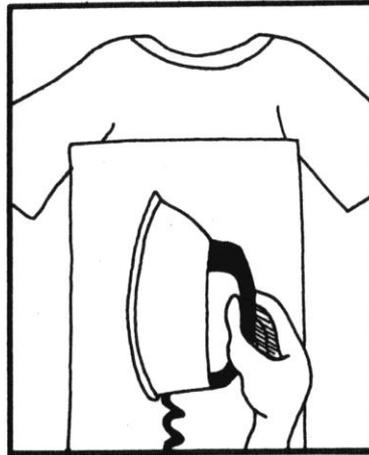
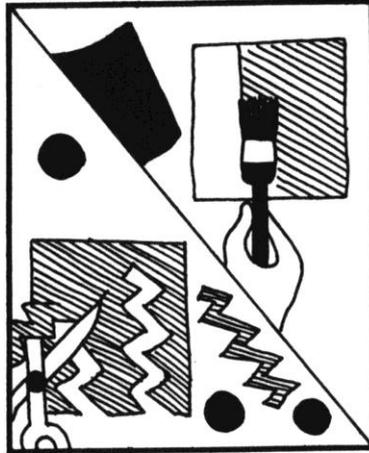
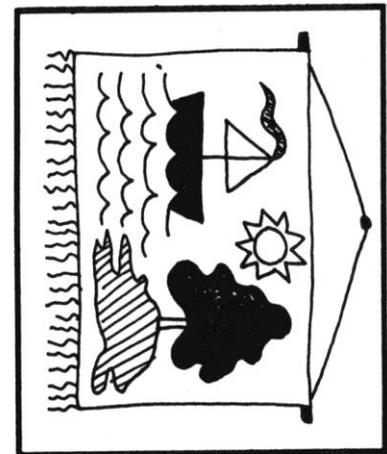
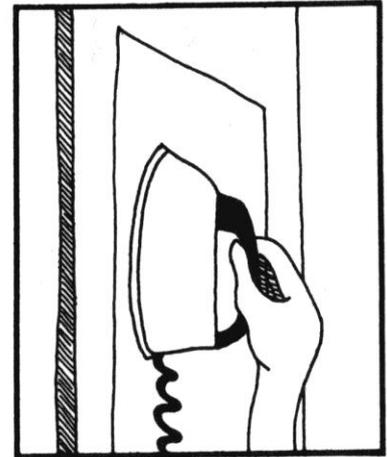
* Transfer Dyes are also available in liquid form – called **TRANSPRINT INKS**

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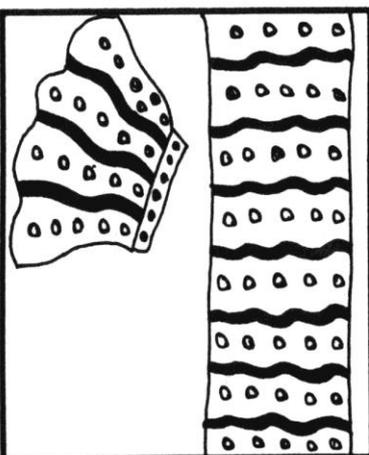
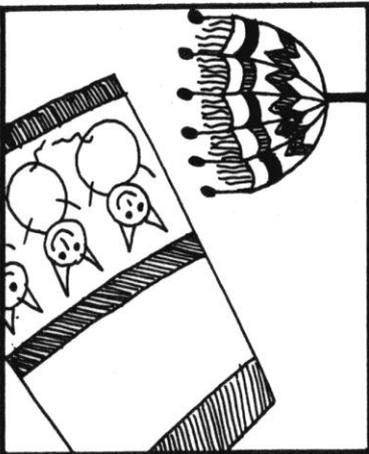
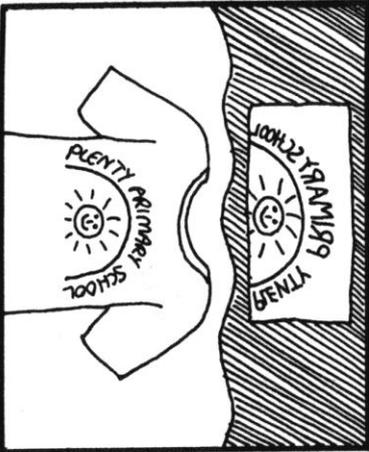
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Step 1: Paint design or shapes & allow to dry thoroughly. Lay paper face down, iron off image with a hot iron.



Step 2: Paint sheets of paper, plain or multicoloured. Cut out a variety of shapes, iron off to create your design.



Step 3: Print designs directly onto garments or print dyes onto fabric to create soft furnishings and garments