

# Dyed Silk Scarves

As taught at the May 2019 NWDA meeting

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Class cost - \$17.00 with silk scarf, \$13.00 without. Additional scarves can be purchased for \$4.00 each.



With Design



With no Design

**NOTE:** We will be using fabric dyes. These are permanent dyes. Please wear something that you don't care if it should get dye on it.

The dyes we are using are protein-based to use on silk, wool or natural fiber fabrics, such as 100% cotton fabrics.

In addition to your regular painting supplies, you'll need the following:

## Supplies:

- Plastic (foam) plates – 2
- 2 large containers – 1 for clean water to wet scarf, 1 empty to squeeze out dye
- Towel to squeeze out excess moisture from scarf
- #2 Permanent Marker
- #2 Graphite Pencil
- Cotton swabs (Q-tips)
- Fabric permanent ink pen to sign your scarf (IdentiPen or one like it)
- Blue Tape or Frog Tape to tape your pattern and scarf to the table

## Optional Supplies:

- Latex gloves to protect your hands (optional)

Bubble wrap and/or marbles to make interesting designs on your scarf (optional)  
Spray bottle for water if you are dyeing cotton fabric.

Picture of your choosing (optional as 2 will be in your packet)

You should choose a picture that isn't complicated. A good source is Free Coloring Pictures found on the Internet. You can choose from a variety of pictures such as floral, leaves, rainbows, butterflies, etc. The picture needs to fit on one end of your scarf. The scarves we are using are 8" wide by 54" long. You may have to resize a picture to fit the 8 inch width of the scarf – you'll want to leave a small margin around your painted design.

You don't have to paint on your scarf.

SoSoft or other fabric paints if you have them. There will be some for your use in class. You can also use your regular DecoArt paints and put Fabric Medium with them. Choose colors that will compliment the colors you dyed your scarf.

Dye colors that will be available are: rose, yellow, blue, turquoise, green, goldenrod, eggplant (purple) and pumpkin.

A silk scarf, if desired, is included in your class fees cost. There are no prep instructions for this class unless you'd like to use an item of your own.

If you'd like to use a T-Shirt or other 100% cotton or silk shirt of your own, it should be washed, dried and ironed without using any fabric softener or spray starch/fabric sizing. You could also use a 100% cotton piece of fabric such as a fat quarter. Again, you need to wash, dry and iron it without using any fabric softener or spray starch/fabric sizing.

For a project other than the silk scarf, you'll need a board to place between the layers of fabric.