

## You will need

- ✓ Pre-washed cotton fabric
- ✓ Easy Batik
- ✓ Cold Water Dye and Fix or Pure Colour Craft Dye and Fix
- ✓ Salt
- ✓ Plastic bucket or bowl
- ✓ Rubber gloves
- ✓ Elastic bands
- ✓ Paintbrushes
- ✓ Embroidery hoops or frames
- ✓ Iron

## HINTS

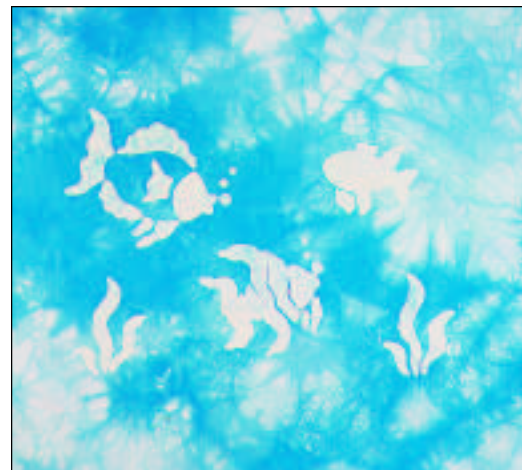
- ◆ Fabric which has Easy Batik applied to it can be dyed with Cold Water Dye or Pure Colour Craft Dyes, following general instructions for use - with the exception that the fabric is added dry and it needs only 30 minutes in the dye bath; longer immersion will diminish Easy Batik's resist effect.
- ◆ For an effect similar to traditional Batik, after application, drying and ironing, crumple the fabric and tie with elastic bands before dyeing.
- ◆ Alternatively, if an even colouring is required, lay the fabric flat in a large shallow dye vessel, gently lifting and replacing several times during the dyeing process to encourage even absorption.



Easy Batik resist cannot be removed from the fabric, so the first application will always remain the original colour. After the first dye process, further designs may be applied with Easy Batik, and the fabric may be dyed a darker colour.

## TEACHERS NOTES

Easy Batik is a resist medium which can be used as an alternative to hot wax to achieve effects very similar to traditional Batik. It is used in a cold liquid form, safer than hot wax, which does not have to be melted and removed from the fabric after the dyeing process. Easy Batik may be applied in a variety of ways - brushed on, stencilled, trailed from a container with a fine nozzle, or used for block printing.



Fabric tie-dyed after application of Easy Batik



Fabric flat dyed after application of Easy Batik



For best results, use 100% cotton fabric. Secure the fabric onto a plastic-covered board with masking tape. After applying Easy Batik, allow it to dry thoroughly, preferably overnight, then cover with a cotton cloth and iron, using a hot setting, heating each part of the design for 2 minutes.

## SKILL LEVEL

- Key stage 2



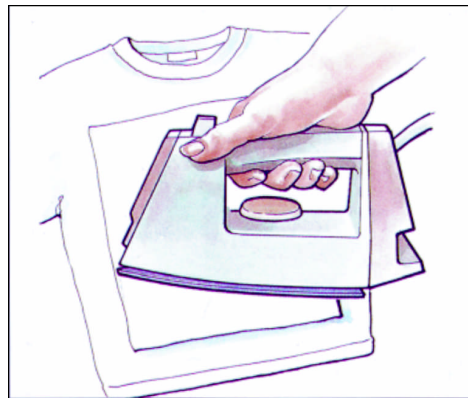
# Batik with Easy Batik

Batik is an ancient way of making designs on fabric - using melted wax painted or trailed onto the fabric, then putting the fabric into dye. The parts which have been waxed will not absorb the dye, the un-waxed parts will.

Easy Batik is an easy way to make a 'Batik' design without having to use hot wax.



Paint Easy Batik onto the fabric - you could use a stencil...or you could block print with Easy Batik.



Leave it to dry for at least 4 hours, then put a cloth over the design and iron using a hot setting, heating each part of the design for 2 minutes.



Crumple the fabric up into a ball, tie it with elastic bands and put it in the dye bath for 30 minutes.



Take the fabric out of the dye, rinse it well and then untie it...

Batik is known as a RESIST technique, because the waxed areas RESIST the dye.



What other technique can you think of that might be called a RESIST method?

