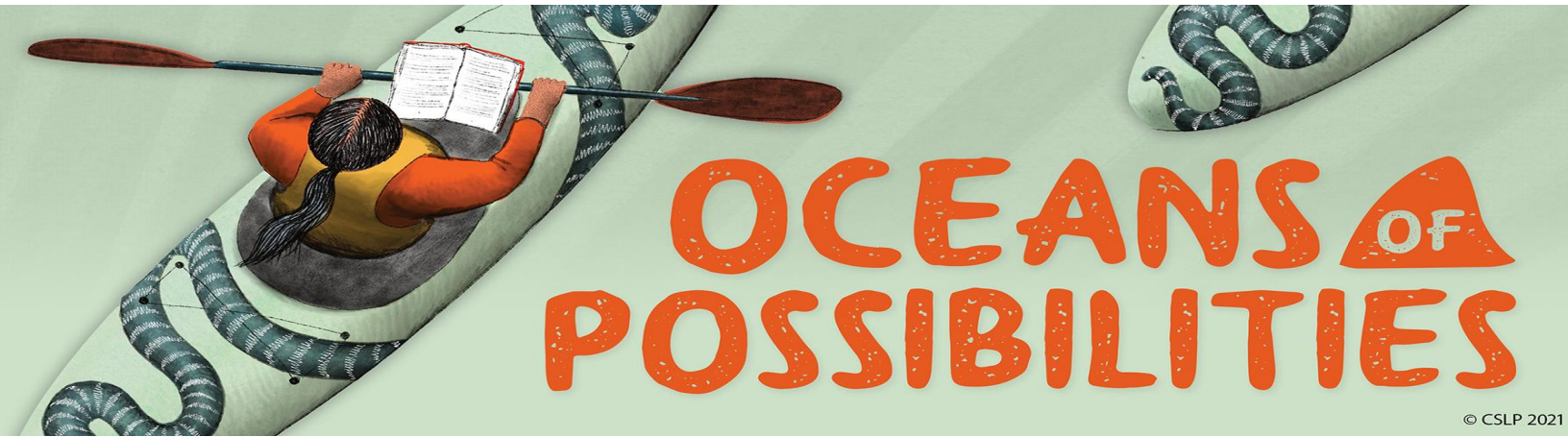


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## DIY Bleach Ice Dye



## Materials Needed

- Cotton shirt between 75-100% cotton, *provided*
- Clorox bleach crystals, *provided*
- Foil or cooling rack
- About 5 pounds of ice or enough to cover the shirt



## Directions

**\*\*Use in a sink/tub in a room with good airflow. Not much bleach is used so the fumes shouldn't be too bad. Be sure you can leave it where it is for at least 10-12 hours, preferably with a window cracked! Put down a cooling rack or crumpled foil so the water/bleach can drain and not pool underneath the t-shirt.\*\*\***

1. Be sure to start with a dry shirt. Wetting the t-shirt will make the bleach bleed too much without giving it enough contrast and definition. Lay the shirt over the rack or foil - twist it and crumple it up. You can even twist it up in rubber bands. Just don't leave it flat!
2. Cover the shirt with a layer of ice. Larger cubes melt slower, letting the colors lift slower and create more marbling. You want enough ice to not be able to see the fabric through it.



3. Shake the bleach crystals onto the ice. And like ice dyeing, you want to deposit bleach only in a few areas in order to get nice contrast. The more bleach you pour over, the more color will be lifted. Put about 1 heaping tablespoon in one area at a time and apply a very light sprinkling in areas in between. Regardless, you should definitely have some areas without any bleach at all! Remember, you can always go back and add more.



4. After about 5-6 hours, most of the ice will have melted. If you like the color as it is, then at this point you can just rinse it with water and wash it alone in the washing machine. If you want it to lighten up a bit more, let it sit for as long as you can before washing.

**\*\*If the bleach hasn't bled through the back, you can turn it over and repeat the process on the backside.**



5. And this is the result! In the lower right photo, you'll see a lighter t-shirt that was a little heavy handed with the bleach and processed with a wet t-shirt.



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