

Who knew my kitchen could create this?

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Today I am going to be doing an at-home dye project. After watching a couple of videos, I think that I could do this. First things first I do not have any spinach, cabbage, or turmeric. Most videos show those natural ingredients. Therefore, I decided to use something different. As the true Caribbean that I am there is always curry in my pantry. I decided to use curry as my natural dye. I also decided to dye a white tee shirt. I was extra and added paprika as well. I thought that would have made the shirt come out red and yellow but, plans changed. After researching different dyeing techniques, I decided to go with the spiral design. I liked how the design came out so that is what I stood with. After finding my natural fiber (cotton), natural dye (curry and paprika) and dye technique it was time to start.

Curry is a powder used to make sauces or gravies and it's mixed with other ingredients to make it. Encyclopedia Britannica, inc. (n.d.). *Curry*. Encyclopedia Britannica. Retrieved April 24, 2022, from <https://www.britannica.com/topic/curry> .Curry comes from the Indian subcontinents but spread throughout other countries. Now curry in Africa, Asian continents and the Caribbean. I honestly could not find any articles or videos about people using curry to dye their clothing or fabrics. On the other hand, curry is very similar to turmeric and people have been using turmeric to dye fabrics for years. Dyeing fabrics with turmeric goes back to ancient times. When it comes to dyeing fabrics with curry you could get different shades of yellow. Like turmeric you could also get an orange color. Curry is inexpensive, prices range from \$2 dollars to \$15 dollars. There are multiple curry powder brands. Some of the most popular curry brands are from the Caribbean it is easy to find Jamaican curry or Trinidadian curry. Curry is not symbolic; it is just a mix of different spices and made for food.

Everyone knows that yellow is a vibrant color and made to stand out. I love wearing yellow in the summertime. Yellow looks amazing against my melanin. Whenever I wear yellow, I feel happy and confident. Especially because all eyes are on me when I wear that color. Yellow never goes out of style. On the other hand, my favorite color is purple, and my favorite garment is my black cropped hoodie. A celebrity whose style that I admire is Rihanna because she is a dare devil. She is not afraid of wearing anything.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/maddieberg/2021/08/04/fentys-fortune-rihanna-is-now-officially-a-billionaire/?sh=316a3d5a7c96>

Step 1: Find what fabric that you want to use. Get all your supplies and find.

Step 2: Find a dyeing technique and prepare the fabric in boiling water.



This is me wrapping the shirt

Step 3: Find rubber bands or some form of restraint to keep the shirt in place



Picture of the shirt wrapped and secured

Step 4: Place a pot on the stove and begin boiling water. Once the water comes to a boil, place



vinegar which is our mordant into the pot. After that place, put the curry and paprika into the pot and mix

Pictures of me placing the curry and paprika into the pot

Step 5: Mix everything together and then place the shirt into the pot using tongs because it's hot.



Picture of me mixing curry and paprika into the pot. Then I slowly placed the shirt into the pot.

Step 6: Let the shirt sit in the pot for about 30 minutes to an hour. Let the shirt dry overnight and look at the final product.



Letting the shirt soak in the pot

Step 7: Let the shirt dry overnight and look at your final product.



Final product

My project turned out to be better than what I expected. This is my first time dyeing something therefore I was nervous to see the outcome. The video does look better than mine, but they used an artificial dye. On the other hand, I am satisfied with my outcome, and I am proud of myself. I learned that you could really dye fabrics with things from my kitchen. At first, I thought it was strange, but I ended up having fun doing this. I liked the fact that I used curry to dye the shirt because it helped me get back to my roots. It was nice that I did not have to buy anything from the store. I also realized that no matter how many videos you watch the outcome may come out differently. I learned that it is okay. Once you know that you tried your best it will work out.

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