

SHADOW PLAY- SECOND SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023

MATERIALS:

For background: DYED fabric of size of project (see note below about testing fabric for color result)

For design shapes: Green leaves, or whatever shapes you want to use. Bring an assortment of fabrics for these shapes.

Steam-a-Seam 2, and/or plastic template to trace your shapes and use for discharging.

Rubber gloves

Appliqué pressing sheet (I will bring extras)

Pencil

All other sewing items used in class (rotary cutter, scissors, sewing machine, assortment of thread, seam ripper, etc.)

NOTE:

This is a discharge method, a process of removing dye from fabric. Prints or polyester fabric will not work, so your background fabric must be dyed....you can tell by looking at the front and back of the fabric: dyed fabric is the same on both sides, prints are not.

You can use any shape you want. I chose leaves because I liked the effect. But you can use seashells, circles, flowers, whatever you want! We will be fusing these shapes to the design fabrics.

If you have time to prewash your dyed fabric, it will help the discharge process move along faster. You can also test a piece of your dyed fabric for end color by taking a small piece (2"x2") and putting a couple drops of bleach solution (50/50 bleach/water) letting sit a couple minutes and seeing the color change. Rinse the fabric to stop the discharge process when it is the color you desire...never know what color will appear. Not all blacks will be a brown...and some fabrics don't change if they have a lot of chemicals in them. So testing helps know ahead of time!

When we do the discharge in class, we will have the bleach and stop rinse for you, an area outside to do the process, and an area to let the fabric dry.

IF YOU HAVE TIME ahead of class, you can trace out your design shapes onto the Steam-a-Seam 2 (and cut out your plastic template if you are using that) leave the traced images intact for now.

PROCESS:

We will trace our images on the Steam-a-Seam 2, cut them out and put aside. Then we will take our original leaves/shapes and place them on our pressed background fabric in the design we want. We will secure the shapes using rocks or something that can take bleach but heavy enough so our image masks don't move.

Next, we will spray our 50/50 bleach solution on our background fabric using a spray bottle (gloves!!) watch the magic, then carefully removing the shape (no dripping) and place our fabric in the neutralizing bath. A good final rinse, and then let it dry.

Back to our Steam-A-Seam 2 pieces...apply them to our desired fabrics, cut out and once our background is dry and pressed flat, adhere them with an offset to create our Shadow!

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