

Sun Printing

using PROfab Textile Paints

Please read directions carefully before starting

PROfab Textile Paints can be used on all fabrics, even synthetic blends. They go on smoothly and do not change the hand of the fabric. For permanence, heat set with a dry iron. It is important to sample before working on large projects. For additional information visit our web site at www.prochemicalanddye.com.

- ✘ Wear thin latex gloves, apron or old clothes.
- ✘ Utensils used for painting should not be used for food preparation.

Supplies

PROfab Transparent Textile Paints - PROfab Opaque and Pearlescent colors will not work

Equipment

Objects to use to make your images: pressed leaves, buttons, lace, lentils, rice, stencils, etc.
Embroidery hoop, artist stretcher bars, or a cardboard or plastic box or container
Masking tape
Plastic cups
1" foam brushes
Salt: Starburst Salt, common, Kosher, or ice melt (optional)
Sunshine, halogen or infra-red lamp

Stir paints well, before using.

Procedure

This very simple process allows you to create images on the your cloth. Use anything that is fairly flat and not too 3-dimensional to create your images. Favorite objects are pressed leaves, buttons, lace, rice and lentils, just to name a few.

1. Stretch your fabric in an embroidery hoop, over artist stretcher bars, or across a cardboard box. Use masking tape to secure the fabric tightly.
2. Dilute your Transparent Textile Paints by mixing them with 4 parts of water to 1 part of Textile Paint.
3. Moisten the stretched fabric with water using a foam brush.
4. Apply your diluted paint colors with foam brushes. Dabbing the color on your fabric creates cloud-like shapes. Long brush strokes produce smooth color.
5. While the surface of your fabric is still wet, gently place your objects on the surface.
6. You can also sprinkle Starburst Salt on the painted wet fabric to create special effects.
7. Place your stretched fabric outdoors in the sun or under the lamps, until dry.
8. Once the fabric is dry, remove your objects and brush off the salt. Your fabric is now printed and ready to heat set.

Heat setting your fabric

Allow your fabric to dry completely. Then iron the reverse side of the fabric for at least 3 to 4 minutes. Set your iron to the temperature that is best suited for your fabric type. Use a press cloth between the fabric and your iron.

Washing

It is recommended that you wait at least 48 hours after heat setting before washing or dry cleaning your fabric.