

### Ice or snow dyeing

As with any dye project it's a chemical process, so there are a few things that are needed.

#### Supplies:

- Fabric that has been washed or is purchased as prepared for dying (PDF), also it needs to be cotton or a natural fiber, BUT NOT synthetic.
- You will need soda ash and your chosen colors of dye, which you can purchase online.
- I use Dharma Fiber Reactive Procion Dyes (powder)  
<https://www.dharmatrading.com/dyes/dharma-fiber-reactive-procion-dyes.html>
- There are other outlets, other than Dharma trading company.
- Also, some people suggest you use urea, but I don't in my ice dying.
- Rubber gloves and a face mask are needed, the dye powder is very fine and breathing it is not safe.
- A gallon plastic or glass container if your planning on dying about a yard of fabric cut in fat quarters.
- Ice, a bag from the store is a good place to start. Same process can be done with snow, but the colors tend to not be as vivid. Experiment to find your preference.

#### Steps:

- Put your fabric in the soda ash solution (1 oz to 1 Cup per Gal of water, for a PH of 10.5)
- Place a couple hands full of ice on bottom of your container, then your wet, rung out, scrunched fabric, the ice layers should be 2-3 inches. There will be bleeding between layers.
- Next, with a spoon lightly sprinkle one color of dye on the fabric, a light hand, as even a spread as you can.
- Then, another layer of ice, if you choose, add the next color, more ice, more fabric, more dye, ending with ice. Using light colors on the bottom level and getting darker colors toward the top of the layers, you need to see what you end up preferring.
- No disturbing for 24 hours.
- Dismantle the layers and rinse the fabric as you would any hand dyed fabric.