

How-To: Tie Dye with Sharpie and Rubbing Alcohol



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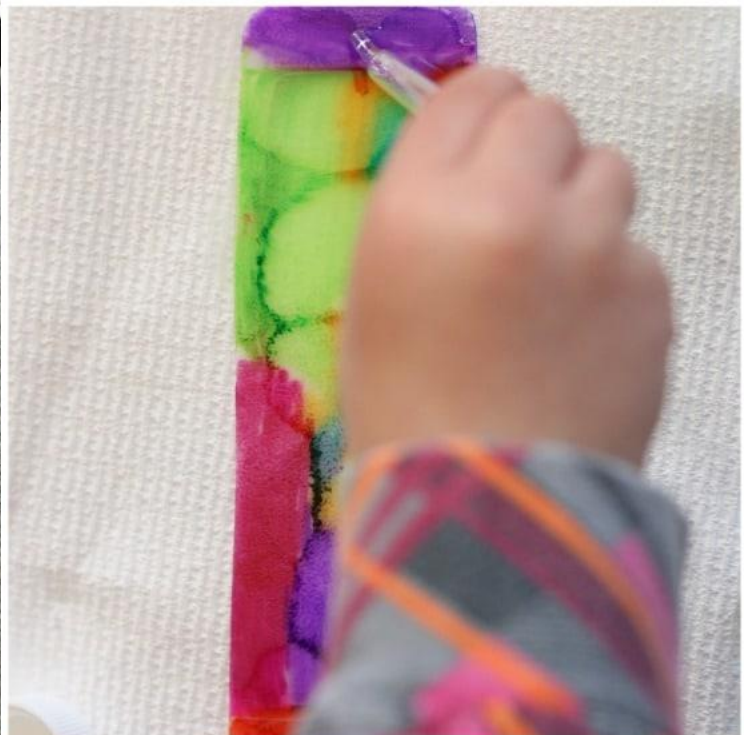
- a plastic vinegar jug washed and cut open to lie flat (or similar opaque jug i.e. milk jug, juice jug) or you can use a ceramic tile
- Sharpie Fine-Tip Permanent Markers
- rubbing alcohol (It must be 99% isopropyl. A weaker strength will not work.)
- spray varnish (ie polyurethane)
- medicine dropper or similar
- ribbon, twine or cording
- button or decorative bead (optional)
- scissors
- hole punch

To make the bookmark you can trace one of your own, store-bought bookmarks onto plastic, ceramic tile etc with a pencil or make up a strip to what size you would like, cut the shape out with scissors

Next colour your entire bookmark using a variety of Sharpies. There is no right or wrong way to do this. Just fill in the whole bookmark with blocks of colour.



With a dropper, drip 99% isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) over the Sharpie ink. Keep your piece still and flat while the colours blur together and until the alcohol has evaporated.



To protect the ink from scratching or rubbing off, spray lightly from a distance, with spray varnish. Do not apply too heavily, or you'll activate the ink again and risk the colours running.

Allow your varnish to dry, and spray with a second coat if you like.

Once your varnish has dried, punch a hole in the top of your bookmark, thread a **ribbon** or some cording through, and embellish with a pretty button or a few decorative beads (optional).

