

**PROGRAM TITLE:** Sharpie<sup>TM</sup> Tie Dyed Tee Shirt

**BRIEF PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Make a “tie dyed” tee shirt using Sharpies<sup>TM</sup> and rubbing alcohol. This is a fast, fun way to create a unique, one of a kind tee shirt.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

Pre- shrunk white or pastel tee shirt

Rubbing alcohol (70%)

<sup>TM</sup>

Sharpie pens (fine – not fine point ) – can buy in an assorted color package of 24

18 ounce Solo Plastic cups

Rubber Bands

Liquid Dropper (or small plastic bottle with small opening)

Piece of card board to fit between front and back of shirt

**COST:** \$25 on up depending on the number of participants (if each participant brings their own tee shirt). Cost could double if you buy more than one pack of pens and need more rubbing alcohol, etc.

**PROGRAM PROCEDURE:**

Place the cardboard between the front and back sides of the tee shirt.

Put a section of the shirt over the cup and put a rubber band around the rim to hold the shirt in place

Use the pens to create a design – dots, swirls, stars, lines, squiggles, etc. using different colors

Drip the rubbing alcohol on the design one drop at a time and watch the design expand and bleed.

Remove the cup and do the same to a different area of the shirt – try a lot of different designs and colors!

Let shirt dry completely – do not put rubbing alcohol wet shirt in the dryer!! Alcohol is flammable so do not use heat on it

Hand wash cold water and vinegar solution to set the colors – some colors may run but not much. Hang dry.

**USEFUL PLANNING RESOURCES**

If you do a website search for this program you will see some examples

**SUGGESTIONS FOR MARKETING THIS PROGRAM**

Make up a tee shirt in advance and display it in the Library and/or wear it to work a couple of times!

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

We ran our program for an hour but I think everyone wanted to stay longer as they were having so much fun!

We did a “Show and Tell” at the end so the participants could admire everyone’s shirt and get more design ideas. I have had adults ask me to run the program for them too!

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