

TIE & DYE - THE EVERGREEN ART

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I. INTRODUCTION

Tie and Dye is easy way to add a variety of colorful designs and vibrant style to your wardrobe. Brilliant effects are created by binding, folding or simply scrunching fabric before dyeing it. "Tie and dye" is the process of creating patterns on clothes or fabrics. It is dying natural fabrics that results in interesting and colorful patterns. The technique of tying of cloth with thread and then dyeing it is the simplest and perhaps the oldest form of creating patterns on a plain piece of cloth is known as tie and dye. Tie and dyeing need not be limited to clothes-stunning effects can also be achieved on household items such as pillowcases, napkins and tablecloths. The technique involves spirals, marbling, diamonds ovals squares, knotting, crumpling, pleating or folding the fabric into various patterns, then tying it with string. However, the art of dying fabrics and specifically tie-dyeing goes far back in time. The earliest surviving examples of pre-Colombian tie-dye in Peru date from 500 to 800A.D. Their designs include small circles and lines, with bright colors including red, yellow, blue, and green.

Along with beads, shells, and other ornamentation, our ancestors tie-dyed. China and Japan had fully developed the art of tie-dye as early as the sixth century AD, about one and a half millennia ago. It has been practiced there since at least the eighth century. The



availability of silk and hemp, which are very receptive to the resist technique, made these countries' art outstanding. Some early tribes in Western China, South East Asia, and Central America tied and dyed the threads before weaving their cloth. Technically this was not tie and dye but the beauty of the designs that appeared was striking as were the patterns done with tie-dyeing.

Early dyes were extracted from roots, flowers, leaves, and berries. These include blackberries, lichen, safflower, marigold, onion, red cabbage, sage, and indigo. Although these dyes are still used today, synthetic dyes have been developed that are permanent, quick-setting, safe, easy to use, and are ensured by accurate formulas.

Other forms of tie and dye can be found in other countries around the world. Varied styles of tie-dye have emerged to distinguish the different nations of Africa, the Indian tie &

dye technique called Bandhani, also known as Bandhni and Bandhej, is the oldest tie and dye tradition we know that is still practiced. The Malay-Indonesian name for this technique is Plangi. The technique involves a design made of dots, in which many small points are tied with thread before immersion dyeing.

Tie & Dye in today's Fashion

Tie-dye is no longer only for hippies who never got over the '60s who dyed tee shirts, dresses, socks, hats, or whatever other cotton materials they could get their hands on. Tie n Dye bright color and memorable patterns have become a vital part of fashion. It seems we're once again captivated by color play, but today's trendiest dye techniques have a sophisticated twist. The attractive material is still used today by top designers. Moreover, tie and dye designs have been prevalent in Bollywood for several decades now. From sarees to kurtas to suits everything has been designed using tie n dye these days. Most importantly, there is no limit to number of designs that can be made by tie n dye. Its like tie n dye gets the best out of a designer.

Clothing made from tie-dyed material can be made into fashionable clothing that will suit any occasion. Today, designers from different countries are starting to explore the art of using tie dyed material to create their own works of art.

Now a days not only garment but Tie Dye Sandals and Heels to boots are seen in fashion. Although Tie and Dye is a retro style but its a fashion trend these days which is getting more and more attention of designers and critics. Yes, its still a fashion; you can always spot an odd guy/gal wearing a trendy tie n dyed kurta or even some t-shirts with a cool pattern of tie n dye. Its among very rare kind of designs that is fancied by generations of all times. I must say this art of tie n dye is here to stay for Long.



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