## **TIE-DYE GUIDELINES**

General suggestions to help leaders:

- Emphasize the relationship between the techniques and the object it is used on
- More expertise should be evident as years in the project increase
- Follow general crafts judging guidelines

Suggested projects for this class: T-shirts are most common. Other ideas are sweatshirts, duffel bags, vests, quilts, hair bows, book covers, jeans, doll clothes, pillows, rugs, wall hangings.

Suggested knowledge/skills to learn:

Beginners (1-2 years in the project)

- 1. Learn basic materials and usage
- 2. Learn how to care for materials
- 3. Learn how to prepare items for using this technique
- 4. Learn how to avoid common problems, e.g. wrinkled fabric, frayed edges, etc.
- 5. Finishing, drying, clean-up

Intermediates (3-4 years in the project)

- 1. Continue using skills learned in previous years
- 2. Combine techniques or use more advanced techniques such as using layering, embroidery, paints, beads and other embellishments, etc.

Advanced (5-6 years in the project)

- 1. Continue work as in previous years
- 2. More elaborate and refined work
- 3. Extensive detail work
- 4. Or a bigger project

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