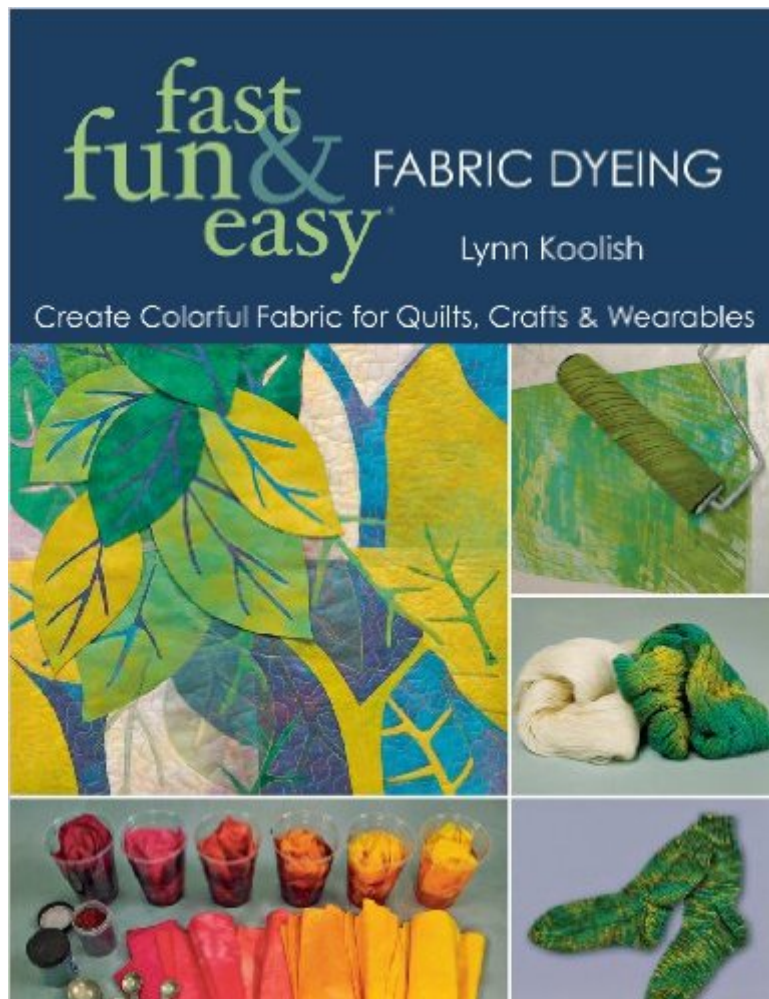


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# Fast, Fun & Easy Fabric Dyeing: Create Colorful Fabric For Quilts, Crafts & Wearables



## Synopsis

Learn 12 quick, can't-miss dyeing techniques to add custom color to quilts, fabric, clothing, linens, and household goods.

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## Customer Reviews

I've done simple tie-dyeing before and thought I had "been there, done that". But this book gave me so many ideas for fun techniques that I know it'll end up as a dog-eared favorite on my shelf. It's not just the technical information that makes this book so great; the instructions are easy to follow and the pictures are worth... more than 1000 words! (One example of great use of pictures is the comparison of printed fabrics undyed, overdyed with blue and overdyed with peach-orange.)

WOW What a great resource book for fabric dyeing! The book explores a variety of dyeing techniques; The instructions and how to photos are clear, concise and easy to follow. I think quilters often shy away from dyeing their own fabric because they think it is difficult and time consuming. Fast, Fun and Easy Fabric Dyeing demonstrates that the process can be exactly as the title claims -Fast, Fun and Easy, and the results extremely rewarding. Everything you need to know to dye fabric is all here in one ready reference.

Lynn Koolish's Fast, Fun & Easy Fabric Dyeing is very inspiring. I am a novice dyer. The more I dye, the more I want to try new things. I try to just experiment but I generally have a project in mind and

want to have good results. I wasn't really in the market for another dye book but Lynn's section on shibori-like dyeing makes it seem very do-able. In addition to chapters on solids, she also covers dyeing gradations, direct dye application, and dyeing wool. This book is a great resource for exploring a variety of dye techniques.

When people ask what my husband is up to, I have to say he's dyeing. Fabric. In the heated garage. David found Lynn's book, "fast, fun & easy fabric dyeing" in a quilt shop in Reno: he had to have it. He has other books on dyeing, but he loved the clear text and abundance of photographs found in Lynn's book. The book has a comprehensive overview of various dyeing methods, complete with basic formulas and step-by-step photographs. A book about fabric dyeing should be colorful- and Lynn's book is full of colors: the finished fabric samples and gallery photos inspired my husband to get back in the garage. Lynn's book is a wonderful resource for beginner and experienced dyer alike.

I'm a fiber artist who likes the look of hand-dyed fabric and yarn. I've purchased dyeing books before, but the techniques always seemed out of my reach. I thought I needed to make big vats of dye and thereby needed lots of room, chemicals, and time to dye. Lynn's book simplifies the process with cookbook-like instruction. She provides simple formulas for dyeing small quantities of fabric and yarn. She uses little disposable plastic tubs instead of dye pots, something everyone has around the house. She also provides a variety of techniques to make very unique fabrics. With this book, I know I can make my own hand-dyed fibers.

The first thing that struck me when I looked at Lynn Koolish's book was the color - colorful fabric, colorful quilts, colorful containers of dye, colorful instructions for making wonderful colorful things. The second thing that I noticed was the word "easy" and my immediate thought was, "I could do this!" The book is organized into sections on supplies, techniques and colors, followed by step-by-step (easy!) instructions for producing a variety of color and texture effects on different types of materials. Throughout are gorgeous photographs of dyed fabric and finished quilts, as well as photos that illustrate the procedures described in the book. The sections are nicely organized and the themes (fast, fun and easy) are emphasized as part of each set of instructions. I can't wait to pick out my colors and fabrics and get my hands - I mean, my gloves - dirty.

Lynn has done it again! This well written and clearly laid-out manual presents easy-to-follow

instructions on basic dyeing techniques, gradations, shibori, painting with dye, etc. The book covers dyeing cotton as well as silk and wool and provides nice photos illustrating the processes as well as examples of the final products. I have several books on dyeing, as well as extensive notes and hand-outs from dyeing classes I've taken. Lynn's book is one I am very happy to have in library!

I haven't actually tried any of the recipes in this book yet. The pictures are wonderful for getting ideas even if 90% of the project pictures are of quilts. The main thing I'm disappointed with is that while it is quite specific about dye power, soda ash, salt & even container size, it is quite vague about water quantities.

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