

Download Article Download Article Just because your bedsheets are looking a little faded or dingy doesn't mean you have to throw them out. Dyeing your own sheets at home is easy and fun, and you can even create your very own custom color by mixing different dyes! Use 1-2 boxes of dye if you want to dye one of your sheets a solid color, or use multiple colors if you're looking for how to tie-dye bedsheets! 1Wash the sheet in hot water without detergent. If your sheet is new, washing it first is essential because otherwise, the new fabric might not accept the dye. However, even if your sheet is new, washing it first is essential because otherwise, the new fabric might not accept the dye. any large or dark stains on the sheet, soak the material in stain remover to lighten the stain, then wash it in hot water. Do not dry the sheet. It will accept the dye more evenly if it's already wet. 2Fill 1/3 of your bathtub with 120140F (4960C) water. Turn your tap onto the hottest setting and let it run for a few minutes. Then, put in the stopper and fill the bathtub about a third of the way. There should be enough water so you can completely submerge your sheet, but if you fill the bathtub with too much water, it will be hard to get the color dye you need.[2]Most household water results with hotter water, so if your water heater is set to 120F (49C), you may want to boil a pot of water on your stove and add it to the bath to bring the temperature up. You can also pour the water into a very large bucket or container. Variation: If you prefer, you can also pour the water in the washing machine. Just fill the basin with hot water, add the dye and the sheet, and turn off the washing machine cycle. Allow the sheet to soak for 30 minutes, then run your machine as usual to rinse the sheet. When you're finished, wash the sheet again in cold water to set the color. Advertisement 3Mix your fabric dye according to the package instructions. The exact way you mix your dye will depend on the brand and the type of dye you're using, but in general, you'll pour the dye into 12 cups (240470mL) of very hot or boiling water. Doing this will ensure that the dye mixes more evenly when you add it to the bath.[3] A single box of dye should be enough for 1 sheet. However, if you're trying to achieve a very dark or bright color, you can use 2 boxes, if you prefer. Some popular, easy-to-use brands of fabric dye include Tulip, Dylon, and Rit Dye. Don't want to use chemical dye? Try using natural dyes made from plants. For instance, you might use beets for pinkish-red sheets or coffee for a deep tan. While the colors won't be as intense as commercial products, you'll still get beautiful results. 4Stir in the dye and 1 cup (300 g) of salt. Once you've mixed your dye, pour it into the hot water in your bathtub or container. Then, add 1 cup (300 g) of table salt to the mixture and stir everything with a long-handled spoon or long stick.[4]The salt will help the dye absorb more evenly. If you're using 2 boxes of dye, add 2 cups (600 g) of salt. Tip: To test the color once it's mixed, dip a paper towel in the dye bath. If the color is too dark, add more water. If it's too light, add more dye. 5Submerge your sheet in the water. Keep stirring for at least 10 minutes, then stir the sheet again every 3-5 minutes as long as it's in the dye bath.[5]Stirring the sheet ensures there aren't any folds or wrinkles where the sheet in the dye for about 30 minutes. To get a rich, vibrant color, you'll probably need to soak your sheet for about half an hour, stirring regularly. However, if you lift the sheet out of the water a little longer if you haven't achieved the color you want.7Remove the sheet, wring it out, and drain your bathtub. When you're happy with the color, lift the sheet into after you wring it out, and drain your bathtub and squeeze it to remove as much of the sheet into after you wring it out. If you're using a washing machine, allow it to continue to the spin cycle. 8 Rinse the sheet thoroughly in cold water. Hold the sheet again to rinse the dye thoroughly. [8] Rinse your bathtub or bucket, as well. 9 Wash the sheet again with mild detergent and cold water. After you finish rinsing out the excess dye, place your sheet in the washing machine or wash it by hand with cold water and a mild detergent. This will help set the dye and remove any remaining residue.[9]When you're finished, hang the sheet to dry or place it in the dryer. Then, enjoy the new look for your bed, or take your dyed sheet to the beach or on a picnic to show it off![10]When you wash your sheet for the first time, consider washing it separately from your clothes. After that, wash the sheet the way you normally would, but keep in mind that washing in cold water will preserve the color longer. Advertisement 1Wash the sheet in hot water, but don't dry it. Your sheet will absorb the dye more evenly if it's clean and wet, so before you try to dye it, run it through the washing machine. Use hot water, but skip the detergent, as this may leave a residue that interferes with the dye.[11]Light-colored sheets made of cotton or rayon are best for this project. 2Place a dropcloth or tarp on your workstation. Tie-dyeing can be messy, so to protect your floor, table, or other work surface, it's a good idea to spread out some sort of tarp or dropcloth. If you don't have one on hand, try cutting open 3-4 garbage bags, then spread them across your work area.[12]Tip: To minimize cleanup, wait for a day with nice weather, then spread out a dropcloth on the ground outside and use that as your workspace. 3Mix your dye in a bucket according to package directions. The easiest way to tie-dye kit, which will come with several different colors of dye, rubber bands, and containers or squeeze bottles. However, if you're mixing up your own dye, follow the package instructions to determine how much water to use for the product you're using.[13]If you're using multiple colors of dye, mix each color in its own container. If the dye package recommends adding salt, do that now.[14]You can also mix the dye and pour into squeeze bottles if you want more control over the process. This is especially helpful if you want to use more than 1-2 colors. 4Twist or fold the sheet, then twist it into a long sphere. Then, wrap rubber bands tightly around the sphere, spacing them about 45in (1013cm) apart. [15]To make geometric patterns, fold the sheet into triangles or squares, or pleat it in an accordion shape. Then, criss-cross the rubber bands across that shape. [16]Make smaller circular gathers for a polka-dotted or floral tie-dye. 5Put on gloves, then dip the sheet into dye. Protect your hands with plastic or rubber gloves, then dip 1 end of the sheet into the dye and hold it there for about 10-15 seconds. If you're only using 1 color, you can submerge the whole sheet into each color. Either way, try to saturate the sheet fully with the dye.[17]It's okay if the colors bleed into each other somewhat, but try not to overlap them completely or the final result may look muddy. If you're using squirt bottles, squeeze the color out onto the fabric. Try to apply each colors to a different section. [18]6Remove the sheet from the dye and place it in a separate container for 20 minutes. In order for the dye to soak deep into the twists and folds that you created, you'll need to let the sheet rest undisturbed. Place the dyed fabric in a plastic bin, container, or bag, and wait about 20 minutes or so.[19]Make sure you choose a container that's okay to dye, since it may become stained.7Remove the rubber bands, then hold your sheet up and admire your work! Although the color may bleed a little when you rinse it, the final result won't change much from what you see now.[20]8Rinse your sheet in cold water runs clear. Hold the sheet under cold running water and rinse out any excess dye. Keep rinsing the sheet until the water runs completely clear. Otherwise, the sheet may bleed the next time you wash it.[21]The cold water will help set the dye.When you're finished, hang the sheet up to air dry or place it in the dryer. The first time you wash it in cold water, separate from your other clothes, in case any of the dye still remains. After that, however, it should be fine to wash with like colors. You can use whatever water temperature you typically prefer for your bedding, although washing the sheet in cold water1-2 boxes fabric dye1-2 cups (300-600 g) saltLong-handled spoon or long stickGlovesPlastic container or bagCold water Thanks for reading our article! If youd like to learn more about costume design, check out our in-depth interview with Natalie Hanrion. This article was co-authored by Natalie Hanrion and by wikiHow staff writer, Amy Bobinger, BA. Natalie Hanrion is a Costume Designer based in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She is the owner of Archaic Costuming as fantasy and whimsical meets her approach to costuming as fantasy and whimsical meets her approach to costume based in Fredericksburg, Virginia. historical. She loves making historically-inspired costumes and approaches her work with an appreciation for classical training and historical accuracy while valuing the freedom to create what comes to mind. Natalie grew up sewing and crafting, which gave her invaluable insight into materials and adhesives. In addition to modeling her own creations, she has created an online marketplace for her costumes on Etsy and has also built a community of costume enthusiasts on social media where she enjoys sharing videos about her methods and processes. She also takes commissions to create custom pieces. This article has been viewed 38,425 times. Co-authors: 3 Updated: March 29, 2025 Views:38,425 Categories: Dyeing Clothes and Fabric PrintSend fan mail to authors for creating a page that has been read 38,425 times. Tie-dye has its origins in ancient fabric-dying principles across the world, seen in various Japanese, Indonesian, and Peruvian traditions, to name a few. But this funky, organic dying method became popular in the 1960s and '70s in the U.S., almost becoming synonymous with the hippie movement, and it continues to have a consistent resurgence in American fashion and home dcor. And right now, it's having a moment not just on a t-shirt but as a part of bedding. While you can buy pre-dyed sheets, it lacks the ability to really customize them according to your palette, and tie-dying is a fun method to experiment with. Luckily, it isn't too hard to create your own tie-dyed bed sheets at home. You can try a few different methods using nearly any type of sheet. If you're using white sheets at home. You can try a few different methods using nearly any type of sheet. If you're using white sheets at home. You can try a few different methods using nearly any type of sheet. If you're using white sheets at home. You can try a few different methods using nearly any type of sheet. If you're using white sheets at home. You can try a few different methods using nearly any type of sheet. If you're using white sheets at home. You can try a few different methods using nearly any type of sheet. If you're using white sheets at home. 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When you're working with bedding, one easy method is to just lay the sheet on a table and, find the direct center, then pinch the fabric. Slowly twist the sheet, creating a spiral. In the end, you will be left with a rosette; just use rubber bands or yarn (check that whatever you use won't bleed color during the dying process) to create tie-dye sections. Now it's time to start tying off sections; do this in equal sections for a more controlled one. If you want a more dominant main color and accents, vary the size of the sections while applying the main color to the larger ones and the accents to the smaller ones. Repeat on the pillowcases. Note that while this method is great for beginners, there are plenty of folding methods you can use on your bed linens, and all will produce drastically different results. Still, this method won't give you the super-defined, more intricate patterns seen in shibori. Shibori differs from tie-dye in that instead of just being tied with yarn, the fabric can be wrapped, pulled, or clamped between other objects. One method known as Itajime requires folding the sheet into a square before clamping it between two wooden blocks, then securing it with rubber bands before dunking it in a dye bath. This will result in a geometric block pattern. Another popular shibori method is called Arashi, in which you wrap the sheet around a pole or pipe before binding it with string, then applying dye. Patterns can even be created by creating stitches with yarn or thread to create bunches in some sections; this is a great option if you want to customize the pattern. All of these methods will produce drastically different results, so be sure to spend time familiarizing yourself with them before making your choice. Also, keep in mind that sheets are quite large, so you'll need fairly large wood blocks and pipes to accomplish your bedding tie-dye. If you're keen to play with multiple shibori methods, consider doing the pillowcases in a different style than the sheets, providing a much-welcome contrast. If you're going for the traditional dying method on white or light-colored sheets, you need to pick out your color palette and what aesthetic you're going for. Tie-dye is inherently pretty groovy and organic, but you can choose between muted pastels and vibrant, poppy colors. Note that while shibori typically uses indigo dye on white cloth, you can use any color you like. However, you really do only want to use white or very light-colored fabric because shibori's impact comes from contrast and bold, monochromatic patterns. For more of an ombre, consider choosing a few different tones of the same color. If your style is more natural and earthy, pull in shades from the outdoors greens, rusty oranges, beige, and browns. But to make a statement, think about using complementary colors for maximum contrast; just be sure to let them have time to set before adding the complementary color because if mixed together, you'll end up with a murky brown shade. Adding black dye can also make for a bold accent. Only got dark-colored sheets on hand and want to give them a makeover? Try to use some bleach instead; you'll be left with white markings that stand out against the fabric. This is also a great choice if you want a more minimalist, pared-down nod to tie-dye. We're going to show you how to tie-dye a sheet in 10 minutes and your friends won't believe it! Call this sheet whatever you want: a beach sheet, or use it as a bed sheet it would be a great time to do something different! A picnic perhaps? When we went in the basement to try and turn up something to sit on; however, all we could find was an old stained bedsheet. How could be cuter than a perfectly tie-dyed picnic blanket? This was easy and to tie-dye it took no more than ten minutes (not including the drying time) and the results were well worth it!SUPPLIES NEEDED: -Old bed sheet -Rubber Bands -Tie-dye kit (we used Tulip One-Step Tie-dye kit) A kit comes with everything you need to create the perfect tie-dye: filled bottles, refills, rubber bands, and design ideasIINSTRUCTIONS: 1. Spread the bed sheet out across something that you dont mind getting a little color on, preferably grass. 2. Pinch the center of the sheet that you just created so it wont come undone. 4. Use a hose to soak the sheet all the way through. When the colors on the sheet! Squirt the colors on the sheet! Squirt the colors on the sheet! Squirt the colors on the sheet and the result will be much better. 5. Now the fun part: tie-dye the sheet! Squirt the colors on the sheet sheet! 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There are many ways to tie-dye kits by various manufacturers, or individual dyes from which you can choose your own color combinations. The fabric reactive dyes included in kits, and the individual colors sold alongside them, are formulated to achieve colorful, permanent results in one step, without additional ingredients. Have all the supplies ready to go. Image Credit: Debbie Williams Gather your supplies and set up your work area. Choose a mess-safe work area like a basement, garage, laundry room or backyard, weather permitting. Cover your work surface with a plastic tablecloth or a sheet of painters plastic. Place a layer of newspaper or paper towels over the dye is permanent so wear appropriate clothing and protect the entire work area. Put the washing machine to work. Image Credit: Debbie Williams Wash the sheets in a washing machine to remove the sizing. Use regular laundry detergent and no fabric softener, as it interferes with the dyeing process. The flat sheet is the simplest to fold. Image Credit: Debbie Williams Fold the damp flat sheet in half vertically, bottom to top and then half again. Fold each end into the middle and accordion fold in 2-inch pleats from the edge to the center from each side. Place rubber bands about every 2 inches along the folded sheet from end to end. Do the best you can with the fitted sheet. Image Credit: Debbie Williams Fold the damp fitted sheet with all four corners fitted together. Bring the sides into the middle and accordion fold them from the ends in the same manner as the flat sheet. Place rubber bands about every 2 inches along the folded sheet from end to end. A pillowcase can twist into a nice spiral pattern. Keep twisting until you have a roughly circular shape. Place a rubber band around the circumference to keep it together. Place an additional three to four rubber bands across the face, dividing it into wedges. Sheet set tied and ready to dye. Image Credit: Debbie Williams Put on the disposable vinyl gloves, fill the dye-filled squeeze bottles to the marked line with warm water and shake for 1 minute. Do not mix the dye until you are ready to use it; its working life is about 45 minutes. Note: Kits and individual colors come with the powder into a squeeze bottle. Distribute dark and light colors evenly. Image Credit: Debbie Williams Set the pieces on a cooling rack over the prepared work surface. Placing the tip of the bottle close to the fabric, saturate each banded section with the light colors as desired. Flip the pieces over and repeat the pattern. Seal the bag to keep the fabric from drying out Image Credit: Debbie Williams Place the dyed sheets in a plastic bag. Seal it and leave the sheets overnight for the color to set. Rinse each piece thoroughly. Image Credit: Debbie Williams Place the dyed sheets in a deep laundry sink, bathtub or a large outdoor tub. Rinse each piece with cold water until the bleeding of the dye slows. Cut the rubber bands and open the sheets and pillowcase. Rinse each piece separately. Continue rinsing until the color stops bleeding. Set the washer and run it with laundry detergent at the hottest temperature recommended for the fabric and the largest amount of water. Set the machine to extra rise, if available. If your washing machine doesn't have an extra rinse setting, rinse the sheets again after the first cycle. Dry the tie-dyed sheets separately from your other laundry for the first couple of washes to be sure the dye is set. If you want to bring vibrant color and life to your bedroom, you cant get more colorful than tie-dye bed sheets! Tie-dyeing something so large may seem challenging. Once you learn how to tie-dye bed sheets! way to tie-dye bed sheets is to use light-colored cotton bed sheets, water-soluble dye, and a large tub of warm water. Other fun ways to tie-dye bed sheets. You will find tips on how to safely dye bulky fabric. Finally, you will discover ways to handle sheets made of special fabric like flannel. Can You Tie-Dye Bed Sheets? You can tie-dye bed sheets at home in many different colors and patterns. The challenge of DIY dyeing bedsheets is working with such a large piece of fabric. That said, you can master large-scale dyeing by following a few simple steps!When dyeing big items, you will want to spend some time setting up a usable workspace. You will also need significantly large bins or buckets if you do not want to use your washing machine. After you finish the dying and setting stages, you will need to find somewhere roomy to hang up the sheets to dry. The best solution is a clothesline outside in the sun. If you do not have that luxury, you can also use a shower curtain, though you will need to find somewhere roomy to hang up the sheets to dry. about tie-dye, besides its never-ending popularity, is that it can blend into so many different decorating styles. For instance, it can pop a giant splash of color into your sheets. Or you can create a muted, peaceful swirl of dark blue contrasting with a creamy background. The easiest way to tie-dye is to buy a kit containing all the dyes and supplies you need. You can find these online and at any craft store quite inexpensively, you can also tie-dye with any number of all-natural or DIY dyes, though this takes some knowledge and preparation. Of course, the best thing about tie-dyeing your own bed sheets is that you get to choose exactly the colors and styles that speak to you!How To Tie Dye Bed Sheets at Home?You can tie-dye bed sheets at home in several different ways, each one designed to create a unique, stylish set of sheets! Most tie-dye projects follow the same basic steps, with some variations to create various interesting designs. You will need to set up your workspace, prep the sheets, fold or tie the sheets, apply the dye, allow the dye to set, rinse the sheets, and then allow them to dry. That sounds super easy, right? Well, tie-dyeing should always seem fun, but you do have to get a bit more in the weeds with each method to truly create those stunning, vividly colorful designs. Cotton Sheets Cotton sheets have a great reputation as soft and breathable bedding, but they also take dye more easily than many other types of fabric bedding. If you can, hunt down a nice set of solid-colored sheets. Of course, you can dye other types of fabric as well. But many kinds of cloth require special types of dye. For example, wool and silk contain proteins, which means that they can only absorb water-soluble dyes. This makes them the perfect choice for tie-dyeing!As a first step, you will want to cover your floor with a plastic tablecloth, several trash bags, or a drop cloth. Put on rubber gloves and wear old clothing.Next, wash the sheets before beginning the dyeing process. This will remove any tiny bits of fluff or dust that could mess up your design. You do not need to dry the sheets, as you will want them wet for the dying process anyway! Fill a very large bucket or basin with warm water. You can use your dye kit, or prepare your washing machine for this step if you prefer. Read the instructions on your dye kit, or prepare your dye kit, or prep color of dye in a bottle. Follow the instructions in the kit to measure the water and dye. If you plan to use only one color of the dye, you can mix it directly into the water in your bucket if you prefer. Now comes the fun part! To prepare it for the tie-dye pattern, you need to twist, tie, or fold your damp sheet. You can read more about how to use different patterns in the section below on Fun tie-dye patterns to try. Use rubber bands to secure your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. If you plan to use squirt bottles to apply the dye, set your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. If you plan to use squirt bottles to apply the dye, set your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. If you plan to use squirt bottles to apply the dye, set your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. If you plan to use squirt bottles to apply the dye, set your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. If you plan to use squirt bottles to apply the dye, set your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. If you plan to use squirt bottles to apply the dye, set your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. If you plan to use squirt bottles to apply the dye, set your sheet in the twists or folds you selected. 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Make sure you do this on top of your floor protection, as some dye may still leak out!Rinse the damp sheet under cold running water until you do not see dye bleeding away from it. Because sheets contain so much cloth, you will probably need to do this in your bathtub. Just make sure you scrub the tub immediately after so no dye sticks to it!You can also perform this step outside with a garden hose if you happen to have a nice clean, grassy area and some warm sunlight!Hang up the sheet to air-dry. If you have a big place to do this outside, that works best! If not, you can use a shower curtain rod in your bathroom. Finally, you will want to wash the sheets in your washing machine using cold water and gentle detergent to remove any lingering excess dye. This time you can dry them in the bold contrasting bleach designs, you can also create tie-dye patterns using household bleach! Once again, cotton sheets will work best for this process. But this time, you will want to select a more darkly or vividly colored sheet set. The design will show up best with a solid color, so do not choose a printed sheet set. The design will also want to cover your workspace with a plastic tablecloth if you want to tie-dye inside. Run your sheet through the washer, but do not put it in the dryer. You can either use a giant bin or bucket for this tie-dye method or use your washing machine or bathtub if you dont mind scrubbing dye up later on. Either way, you will need a large receptacle that can hold a whole sheet at one time. Fill your bucket or tub halfway with bleach. If you do not want to use so much bleach, you could use a spray bottle of 50/50 water and bleach instead, though this will take repeated filling for something as big as a sheet! Next, set up the sheet in knots, twists, or folds, depending on your style preference. Keep this shape in place using rubber bands. Submerge the secured sheet into the bucket for ten minutes, and then remove it to a dry surface. Or spray the sheet to rest for twenty minutes.Remove the rubber bands and untwist or unfold the sheet. Rinse it under cold running water until you do not see dye bleeding away across the sink or tub.Finally, wash the bleached sheet by itself in your washing machine, using dark background. You can do this by removing color in a tie-dye pattern and then adding different colored dyes back in!Bleach tie-dye technically does work by removing color, or reverse tie-dyeing, as well. However, it strips away a lot of dye very quickly, making it hard to get precise or incremental designs. Also, the second part of true reverse tie-dye involves adding color back in!Just like with the bleach method, you will get the best results if you use a solid, dark-colored set of cotton sheets for this process. You will probably find more success using a dye remover than using the bleach method, as well.Wash the sheets in warm water with soap. You do not need to dry them, but let the washer cycle finish so that sheets feel damp but not sopping wet. Prepare your damp sheet in the style of twists or folds that you like best. Hold this securely in place using rubber bands. Find a really large stainless steel pot and fill it two-thirds full with water. will simmer but not break into a boil. Turn the heat down to a low simmer and mix in commercial color remover in the amount indicated on the package. Gently lower the rubber-banded sheet into the simmering water. Stir the water every few minutes, but allow the sheet to remain in the water for ten to twenty minutes, depending on how dramatic you want it to look. Carefully transfer the sheet to your washer. Cut away the rubber bands and wash the sheet in warm water again. At this point, your sheet will have a cool bleached look, you can stop right here. Mix up the colors you want to use inside small squeeze bottles. If you buy a regular tie-dye kit, it will come with these. Otherwise, you can get cheap condiment bottles at the dollar store. Try to repeat the method you used to fold or twist the towel before the color removal process. Secure it once again using rubber bands. Next, squirt different sections of the sheet Dont worry about only dyeing the bleached areas, as the dye will not show up much on the unbleached sections anyway!Let the sheet rest for twenty minutes. To set the dye, you can apply a color fixative according to the instructions on the bottle. Or you can try placing the sheet in a large, sealed Ziploc bag and microwaving it for two minutes. Alternatively, you can spread it out flat on the grass outside on a very hot day! Rinse the sheet in cool water until no dye runs off. Place it in your washing machine and run it through a cold water soluble dyes at a time! This will make a muted, pretty version of tie-dye perfect for your little girls princess bedroom or your bed if you like quieter colors!With one key difference, you will want to follow all the steps explained in the earlier section on how to tie-dye cotton sheets. As you prepare the dye in the squirt bottles, mix teaspoon of dye powder for every 4 ounces of water. Tie-Dye Flat, Full, or Queen Bed Sheets You may also wonder if it matters whether you have a flat or fitted, full or queen-sized bed sheet, as you will see later in this article. But size does not matter a lot except in making sure you have big enough containers to hold your sheets. You use the same twisting or folding techniques whether you plan to tie-dye a t-shirt, a scarf, a sock, or a bedsheet, more or less! One question that does come up a lot is whether or not you can complete the bleaching or dyeing part of the process in your bathtub or washing machine. For easy clean-up and to avoid any potential staining, its safer to use a plastic bucket or basin. That said, the water-soluble dye should safely wash out of your washing machine if you find soaking in that nice readily-fillable basin much easier! Fun Tie-Dye Patterns to TryThe real trick to good tie-dye is to get the folding, twisting, or tying just right before you apply the dye. Every different twist or fold will create a unique dye pattern. You can find dozens of different pattern ideas to try, but these three basics will get you started! For the traditional outward-spiraling starburst: Twist the whole sheet into a long snake. This will work best if you hold down the end you start at with a heavy book or pinch it between your elbow and side as you work.Next, roll up the snake, so it looks like a cinnamon roll. Hold one end stationery and wrap the length of the sheet around the outer circle until you have a cinnamon roll or snail-like shape left. Finally, use giant rubber bands or a length of undyed string to hold the snail shape in place. For more precise, rectangular designs, you can measure equal distances down the sheet and fold it accordion-style. Once you have the whole sheet and knot it in place with a rubber bands. For a small starburst, pinch a handful of the sheet and knot it in place with a rubber band. Repeat this all over the sheet to get as many tiny starbursts as you want! How Do You Tie-Dye a Fitted Bed Sheet? In most cases, you can tie-dye a flat or fitted sheet in the same manner and get the same results. The exception is if you want to create a more geometric, folded design on the fitted sheet have results. This means the sheet will not spread out in a large, flat rectangle for easy folding. Instead, try this method: Fold the fitted sheet as if you wanted to store it in half length-wise and carefully smoothing the corners out together, one on top of another.Next, make accordion folds from one edge to the center and then from the other edge to the center.Rubber band the folds into place before dyeing.Can You Tie-Dye Flannel Sheets?You can tie-dye flannel sheets depending on certain characteristics, such as the fiber type in the flannel.Traditional flannel fabric is cotton cloth brushed with stiff metal combs that lift some of the fibers out, creating that plush nap on the materials surface. Cotton flannel will tie-dye quite readily, as the cotton flannel will need to read the manufacturers label attached to the sheets to find out what kind of material your sheets contain, though. Synthetic fabric like polyester costs a lot less than cotton, so many flannel bed sheets these days have at least 50% polyester fibers will not tie-dye as well. Another difficulty you may encounter is that many flannel sheets come pre-printed with a plaid design or with another design. You will want to track down solid, light-colored sheets for the best tie-dye results. Can You Make a Tie-Dye Duvet Cover? You can make a tie-dye duvet cover so long as you can easily tie-dye this case, youre left with a large, flat pillowcase. You can easily tie-dye this case, youre left with a large the duvet cover so long as you can make a tie-dye duvet cover so long as you can easily tie-dye this case. You can easily tie-dye this case, youre left with a large, flat pillowcase. You can easily tie-dye this case in the same way as you would a flat bedsheet! Another way to make a tie-dye duvet cover is to tie-dye two flat sheets and then sew them together along three sides, turn this inside out, and then sew either a zipper or button on the open side to include the stuffing. Where to Buy Tie-Dye Bed SheetsYou can buy tie-dye bedsheets at most stores that sell home goods, such as Walmart, Target, and Pottery Barn. Online sellers like Amazon also offer a wide variety of tie-dye bedding options. Of course, making your own tie-dye bed sheets allows you to create just the right, artistic style for your home, but buying the sheets allows you to create just the right. psychedelic swirl of colors will bring a galaxy of color into your bedroom! A black background, bold blues, and neon yellows and pinks make this tie-dye pattern a perfect choice for anyone who likes strong shades of color. The comforter set comes in multiple sizes and is even machine washable! Both the comforter and the pillowcases contain 100% polyester, making this bedding set durable and long-lasting. These gentle tie-dye sheets will bring a soft, cozy pink to your bedroom. The regular, marbled design runs over the entire sheet in a pretty and rippling tie-dye effect. This three-piece bedding set comes in either full or queen size. Made out of microfiber, this set of sheets will allow machine washing and remain vividly pink for a long time! ConclusionYou can tie-dye your own bed sheets using many different folding or twisting and then rolling the entire sheet before dyeing it. You can also use unique tie-dye methods such as bleaching to remove color in fun patterns like a starburst or even squares. You can create a reverse tie-dye effect by removing the dye in a certain pattern and adding different colors in bleached spots. The best kind of material to tie-dye bedding? What pattern did you use, and how did you make it? Leave a comment below to let us know!

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