

## deColourant

Jacquard deColourant (formerly Discharge Paste) is used to remove areas of color from dyed natural-fiber fabrics. The color revealed is a surprise! Be sure to do a test with your fabric before starting the project so you know what to expect. See Resources and Connections (page 110) for suppliers.

### MATERIALS

- deColourant
- Repositionable spray adhesive (optional, if using reusable stencil)
- Foam craft brush
- Plastic garbage bag or drop cloth
- Iron
- Laundry detergent

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**TIP** Before you start, dab a small amount of deColourant on a corner of your fabric to test the color change.

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**1.** Using the transfer method of your choice, create a template to transfer the motif. Adhere the stencil to the right side of the fabric.

*note* Use the transfer method of your choice for the motif. In this example, we are using the Reusable Stencil method.

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**TIP** Use a repositionable spray adhesive on the back of a reusable plastic stencil before placing it on the fabric to minimize seepage. Then place the stencil, adhesive side down, on the right side of the fabric.

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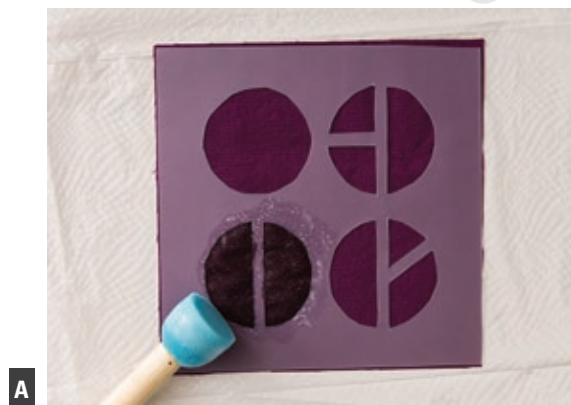
**2.** Cover your work surface with plastic. With a foam brush, apply the deColourant to the fabric. Use a dabbing motion to ensure saturation with minimal bleeding beyond the designated areas. Let your project dry and remove the stencil. **Fig. A**

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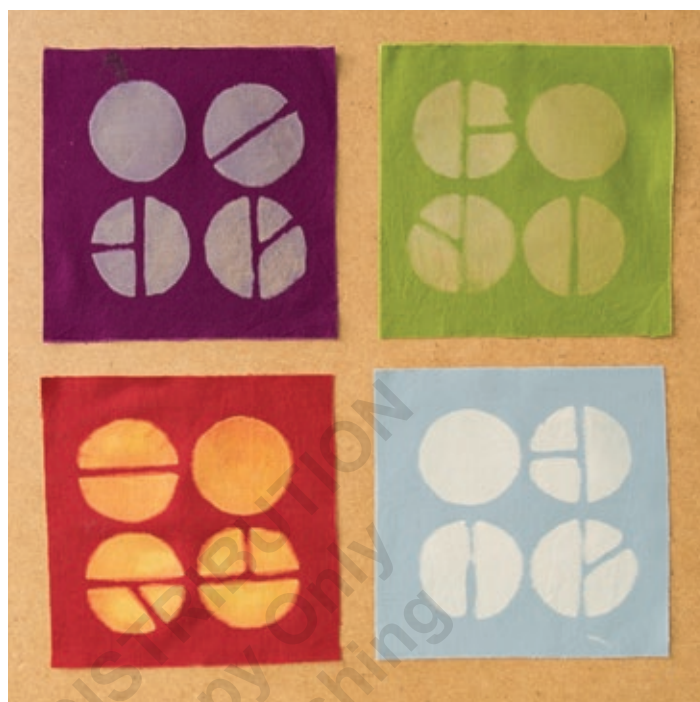
**TIP** When using a plastic stencil, wipe the stencil between every couple motifs to remove any deColourant that has bled to the wrong side of the stencil. The spray adhesive should remain tacky, but you can respray it if needed.

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**3.** Iron, with steam, on a setting that correlates to your fabric. This step releases the color; keep ironing until the color stops releasing. **Fig. B**



4. Use a mild detergent to rinse the deColourant from the fabric. Let the fabric dry. *Fig. C*



## Fabric Paint

Fabric paint is specifically designed for use on textiles. You can purchase fabric paint or make your own by mixing a fabric paint medium with acrylic paint. Fabric paint medium increases the workability of acrylic paint on fabric, making it washable and permanent. See Resources and Connections (page 110) for suppliers.

### MATERIALS

- Fabric paint or acrylic paint and fabric paint medium
- Repositionable spray adhesive (optional, if using a reusable stencil)
- Plate or palette
- Foam craft brush
- Plastic garbage bag or drop cloth

