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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

AIRBRUSH T-SHIRT MAKEOVER



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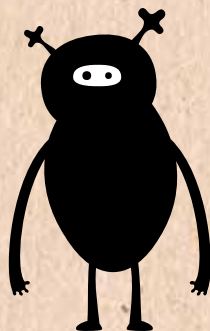


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| 1 | Airbrush tool | 6 | Green plaid buttons (2) |
| 2 | Fabric pens (3) | 7 | Red-and-white-dotted buttons (2) |
| 3 | Needle | 8 | White buttons with patterns (2) |
| 4 | Thread | 9 | Piece of material (100% cotton printed fabric) |
| 5 | Sequins (4 grams) | | |

YOU WILL ALSO NEED: T-shirts in bright colors, old newspapers, soft lead pencil, scissors, thin cardboard, ruler, glue stick, plastic bag, other materials, pins, twine

Dear Designers,

There are millions of T-shirts in the world. Red ones, yellow ones, green ones, striped ones, ones with polka dots — the list could go on forever. There is one thing, however, that all T-shirts have in common: Not a single one is as unique as you. But now that's going to change! With this craft kit, you will be able to design your own T-shirt exactly the way you want it to be. Let your creativity run free, and show the world what a brilliant designer you are!



Making a rosette

You will need:

Your T-shirt, colorful fabric scrap, button, needle, thread, fabric pens, ruler, scissors

Here's how:

- 1 To conjure up a cool-looking flower or prize ribbon, all you need is a narrow strip of fabric about 14 cm in length and 5 cm in width, folded down the middle. Be sure that the pretty side is facing out.
- 2 Now, carefully sew stitches along the long open edge. Start by burying the thread at the beginning (see page 10), then sew along the cut edge using long, loose stitches.
- 3 Hooray, finally there. Now the trick is to pull carefully on the thread, and your flower will take shape as if by magic! Next, securely bury the thread again.
- 4 Finally, carefully slide together the two open ends and sew them together.
- 5 You can place a button in the center and use that to sew your flower or medal in place on your T-shirt. Use the fabric pens to paint a stem or ribbon beneath the flower or medal.



Tie-dye*

You've heard of tie-dye, haven't you? In this technique, the T-shirt is tied up tight with twine or string and then dipped in dye — which is exactly why it's called tie-dye. Wherever the string is tied, no color can get through and the fabric stays white. It creates a really cool effect. But you can also do it using your airbrush tool, without having to go through the messy process of dipping the entire shirt into a pot of dye.

You will need:

Airbrush tool, fabric pens, white or light-colored T-shirt, string or twine, scissors

Here's how:

- 1 Get a piece of string, wind it several times tightly around a bunched-up fistful of fabric in the center of your T-shirt, and tie a knot to keep it in place. Then tie the bunched fabric in a couple other places as well.
- 2 Now it's time to use the airbrush tool. Blow a thick layer of dye onto the bunched-up section that you tied.
- 3 When everything is nice and dry, loosen the string and admire your artwork.



Making a rosette

You will need:

Airbrush tool, fabric pens, colorful fabric scraps, 2 buttons, sequins, needle, thread, white or light-colored T-shirt, thin cardboard, pencil, scissors

Here's how:

Sew two buttons on the left and right sides of the front of the T-shirt and draw a line between them to tie them together. This line is for "hanging" all of your different pennants.

For example, sew on a triangle of sequins, or put together a template you can use to spray on triangles. You can also try cutting triangles from the scraps of fabric and sew one edge of each triangle onto the line you drew. This way, your pennants will really flutter and fly!

TIP!

To make it look realistic, draw the two ends of the line where the buttons are.

