

FAST FACTS



3+
People



45-60
Minutes



\$10-20



Low Risk

Tie-Dye Party

Purpose of Activity: To raise awareness about reusing items and the benefits of giving them a new life.

Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

By actively participating in this activity, participants will:

- Have fun reusing items that would seem disposable.
- Understand the purpose of reusing.

Materials Needed:

- Dye (you can purchase specific tie-dye kits at most craft stores)
- Rubber Bands
- Gloves
- Plastic bags
- Snacks

Facilitation Guide:

1. Follow all directions on the dye; read these directions aloud to the residents.
2. Have residents put rubber bands around their clothing in different, interesting patterns.
 - a. Use the dye to create color schemes and the tie-dye effect.
3. Ask for a volunteer to wash the items (typically, tie-dyed items should be washed several times before being washed with other clothing. Washing all of the newly dyed clothing together will save water and energy.)
4. Return items to their owners.

Discussion:

- Why are we doing this activity, what does it have to do with sustainability?
- How do you define sustainability (perpetual and cooperative environmental, social, and economic systems)?
- What are the benefits of reusing items on a regular basis?
- What are some ways you reuse?

Helpful Hints

- This activity should be done OUTDOORS.
- The dye is very likely to stain, so be very cautious.
- Look up different tips/tricks for creating specific patterns and have those directions available for residents.