

# Activity Idea

## Glue Batik

Indonesian Wax-Resist Dyeing Technique

*Recommended for Ages 4 – 12*



Batik is a type of wax-resist dyeing technique from Indonesia. Wax is applied to the fabric in elaborate patterns. After the wax dries, dye is painted onto the fabric. This process of applying paint and wax onto fabric may be repeated multiple times to create many designs and colors. The fabric is then soaked in a fixative and then boiled to remove the wax to expose the fabric's original color. This project will allow you to simulate batik in your own home using glue.

### What you need:

- Fabric (cotton or canvas)
- Pencil
- Paint (acrylic or fabric)
- White liquid glue (washable such as Elmer's)
- Paint brush
- Placemat or cardboard
- Scissors (Optional)
- Newspaper/plastic tablecloth

### What to do:



1. Cover your work surface with newspaper or plastic tablecloth
2. Select your fabric. You can use anything from a shirt to a canvas bag. You can also cut your fabric down to your desired size.
3. Place your placemat or piece of cardboard under your fabric. If you are using a canvas bag, place it into your bag. Flatten out your fabric.
4. Use a pencil to lightly sketch out your design.
5. Trace over your pencil lines with glue.
6. Let the glue dry.
7. Once the glue has fully dried, paint your fabric. It may be helpful to keep a spare scrap of fabric to test your colors before applying to your actual project.
8. Let the paint dry.
9. Once the painted has fully dried, remove the glue by soaking the fabric in warm water or by directly peeling off the glue. You may want to iron your project once you are done.

Here is a helpful video tutorial to help you visualize the process: <https://bit.ly/3bO12Zl>