

craft with Jo-Ann

**SUPPLIES & TOOLS:**

- Rit® Liquid Dye: Lemon Yellow, Kelly Green
- White jeans, 100% cotton
- 4-cup measuring cup & measuring spoons
- Spoon for stirring dye
- 4-gallon container for dyeing
- Fabric scrap for testing dye color
- Salt
- Dishwashing liquid
- Rubber gloves
- Paper towels
- Plastic table cover

DIRECTIONS:

1. Prewash jeans to remove any finishes that may interfere with dye absorption.
2. Dye Preparation: Wearing rubber gloves, shake dye bottles and measure 3/4 cup Lemon Yellow and 2 tablespoons Kelly Green dye into large measuring cup. Add 1 cup salt and 2 cups very hot water; stir well.
3. Fill dishpan or bucket with 3 gallons very hot tap water (140° F). Note: If water is not hot enough, heat water in a tea kettle or in the microwave.
4. Pour dye solution into hot water. Add squirt of dishwashing liquid and stir well. Test dye color. Note: If color is too light, add more dye. If color is too dark, add more water.
5. Wet jeans in warm water and squeeze out excess water.



6. Immerse jeans in dye bath and stir continuously for 20 minutes, then occasionally for 10 minutes or until desired color is achieved. The longer the jeans remain in the dye bath, the darker the color will be. Note: Color will appear lighter when dry. Stirring helps to ensure an even color.
7. Remove jeans from dye bath and squeeze out excess dye. Rinse in cold running water until water runs clear. Wash jeans in warm water with mild detergent. Rinse, dry and iron.



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Skill Level 1: No experience necessary

Approximate Crafting Time: 1½ hours

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