



## SALT DIFFUSION

### You will need

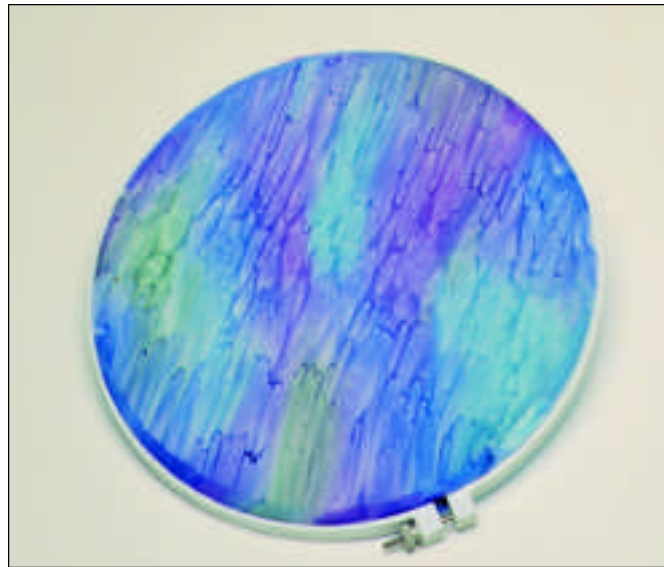
- ✓ Dylon Fabric Paints
- ✓ Small containers for diluted fabric paint
- ✓ Paintbrushes
- ✓ A plant spray or sponges
- ✓ Sea salt, table salt, rice
- ✓ Embroidery hoops or frames
- ✓ Iron

### HINTS

- ◆ Diluted paint is absorbed into the dry salt crystals, pulling the colour in different directions to create a pattern.
- ◆ Silk fabric gives the best results, but it is worth experimenting with some of the less expensive thin synthetic fabrics. Many of them will produce interesting textural effects - cotton fabric generally absorbs the paint too quickly for the salt grains to create the pattern.
- ◆ Dilute the Dylon Fabric Paint by mixing one part water to two parts paint in a container. Wash after ironing to remove salt residue.

### TEACHERS NOTES

Circles of coloured fabric may be used to make lavender or pot pourri sachets, insets for greeting cards or pin-cushions.

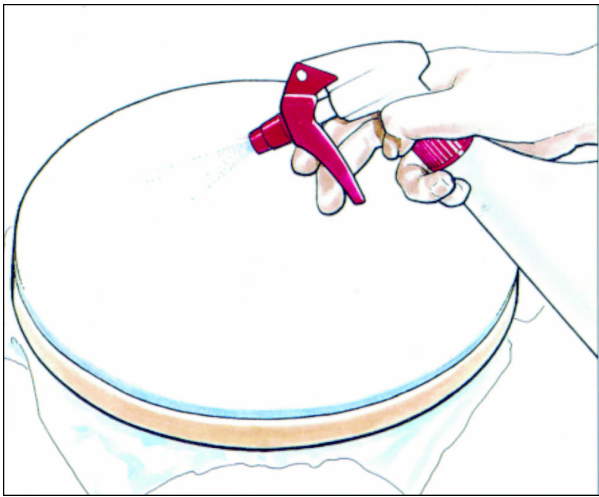


Why not try using coloured pieces of fabric when using darker shades of Dylon Fabric Paint.

### SKILL LEVEL

- Key stages 1 & 2

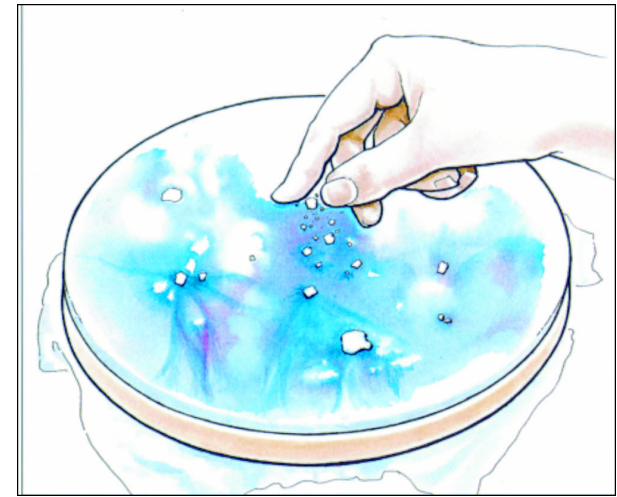
## Salt Diffusion - colour and pattern on fabric



Place a piece of fabric into a frame, dampen fabric a little with a spray of clean water - or use a sponge.



Use paintbrushes to apply some DILUTED Dylon Fabric Paint - (add water to paint to dilute it) you can use one colour or more...



Sprinkle some coarse sea salt crystals onto the wet fabric paint - and watch the magical patterns begin to form.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF... ?

- You use another sort of fabric instead of silk?
- You don't put any salt on the painted fabric?
- You try smaller grains of salt?
- You use grains of rice instead of salt?



When fabric is dry, brush off the salt, take the fabric out of the frame and iron it to fix the colour.

