

# Tyvek

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## What you'll need

**HS112** Tyvek Fabric  
**PD350A...**Premium X6 Acrylic Paint

**ST017A...**Surestitch Polyester Thread  
**CT869A** Heat Gun

**FC322A** Fabric Markers  
**CR358** Baking Parchment



Tyvek is extensively used for drama backdrops and costumes, kite-making and protective clothing. Its large format makes it suitable for outdoor banners at fetes and fundraising events.



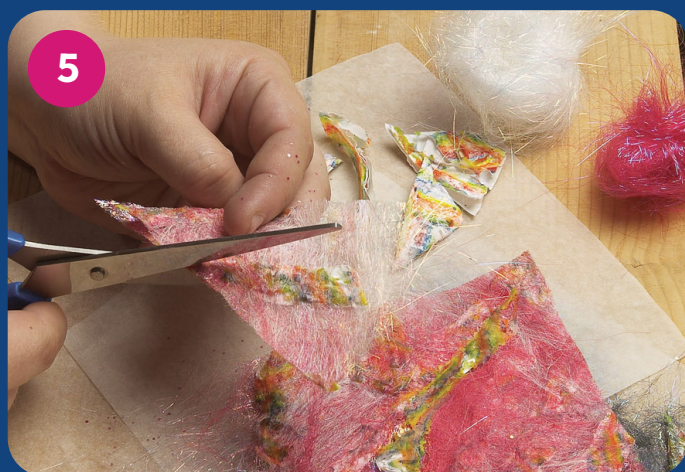
# Step by step



Decorate sheets of Tyvek with a colouring medium. Try using crayons, fabric crayons, colouring pencils or fabric markers. You can also stitch Tyvek and print onto it using some inkjet and laser printers. Avoid using materials that give off toxic fumes when heated, and also materials which cannot withstand heat.



You can achieve different effects dependent on how you heat Tyvek and also how long you heat it for. Apply heat to the opposite side to the one you have decorated and watch how it shrinks and bubbles up.



Tyvek can be combined with Angelina fusible fibres. The sheet of heat treated Tyvek is cut up into irregular pieces and combined with layers of Angelina underneath and on top in order to encapsulate the Tyvek. Place some baking parchment over the top and iron gently until the Angelina fuses together. The end product can be used for card making or applique.



Once your design is complete you can apply heat to your design with a heat gun or iron. Experiment and see what different effects you can achieve by applying varying strengths of heat. When using an iron, cover Tyvek with baking parchment before heating.



Once cooled, Tyvek will stiffen and you can use it to create many different designs. You can embellish it by using embroidery techniques or you can glue items such as sequins onto it. It can also be sprayed and varnished. Alternatively, cut up the decorated Tyvek and use these within another project. Ensure it is cooled before cutting!



Tyvek can also be used effectively in three-dimensional work, used over some soft aluminium wire as illustrated. As Tyvek is very strong it is ideal for making kites, artificial flowers, jewellery beads and even protective covers for keyboards!