Rainy Day Outside Tie-dye

Did you know?
The history of tie-dye dates back to ancient China, with beautifully intricate patterns of flowers and animals on tapestry. Nearly every culture in the world has a unique version of tie-dye. It started to become popular in the United States in the late 1960’s and 1970’s.

Tie-dye is one of our favorite activities at camp! We have tie-dyed shirts, bandanas, backpacks and more! Today we are going to do fun picture based project!

What you will need:
• 2 sheets of paper towels or napkins
• Washable markers

Steps:
1. On each piece of paper towel use your washable markers to draw a bright picture.
2. Stack two (or more!) of the paper towel drawings on top of each other.
3. Set your stack outside in the rain.
4. Observe the blending of the colors through the sheets.
5. Once the colors are blended, take the towels out of the rain and hang up to dry.
6. Enjoy your art work!

Tie-dye even more!
The dye in the markers transfers through the fabric fibers and spreads. Knowing this you can experiment by using different fabric, patterns and folding & twisting the paper towel. You can even purchase kits at the store with liquid tie-dye and instructions to make specific patterns!