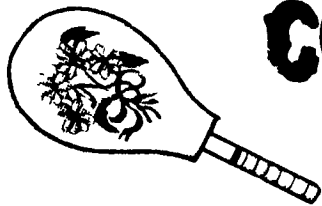


CRAFT CORNER



It's less expensive than you think to have hand-painted silk fashions. Silk painting is fast, easy to learn and the perfect way to look like a million dollars without spending a million dollars.

You don't have to be an artist to paint beautiful silk designs. Simple stripes and splashes look like artworks on silk.

When the fabric is steamed, the colors become permanent and the silk, hand-washable. You don't have to be a sewing expert to then turn the silk into scarves, pillows, blouses, capes, dresses or anything else you like. The simpler the design, the better.

Beginner patterns, in fact, are the best ones to use for hand-

painted silks. Since painted silks are beautiful in themselves, you don't want them blemished by darts, zippers, excess seams or elaborate details.

Although silk is more expensive than other fabrics, it is also far more luxurious. Nothing drapes as beautifully, dyes as brilliantly or feels as good against the skin.

Ever since it was first woven in ancient China, silk has been the most prized of all fabrics. For centuries, the secret of silk-making was so well-guarded that the penalty for giving away the secret was death. By the 6th century, however, Indian monks smuggled out some silkworms and gave the rest of the world the opportunity to make its own silk.

Up until recently, silk had become rare in this country. Nowadays, however, people have rediscovered the comfort and beauty of all the natural fibers including cotton, linen, wool and silk.

Today, you can also paint your

own silks with ease. Here are directions:

MATERIALS: Silk dyes, such as "Tinfix" brand, available at art supply shops; cotton swabs or paintbrushes; canvas stretchers; pushpins or thumbtacks; large saucepan with a vegetable steamer or rack; plain newsprint or old newspapers; tape; stapler; plain white silk, without sizing or finishes.

Optional for painting pictures: "Rezist bien" from an art supply shop; resist applicator; black marking pen; tracing paper or a picture to copy.

PREPARATION: 1. Pin silk to canvas stretchers. 2. **Optional:** Pictures: Slide a simple picture under silk. If you can't see the picture through the silk, darken the outlines with a black marker. 3. Trace outlines on the silk with "resist." The resist separates each color. Therefore, keep resist lines unbroken. Otherwise, the dyes will

seep through the lines.

PAINTING: 1. Use dyes full-strength or dilute with water. 2. Using paintbrush or cotton swab, apply a small amount of dye to silk. Let dye "bleed" into the area desired. 3. Use a fresh paintbrush or swab for each new color of dye. 4. Soften outlines if desired by painting water over dye colors.

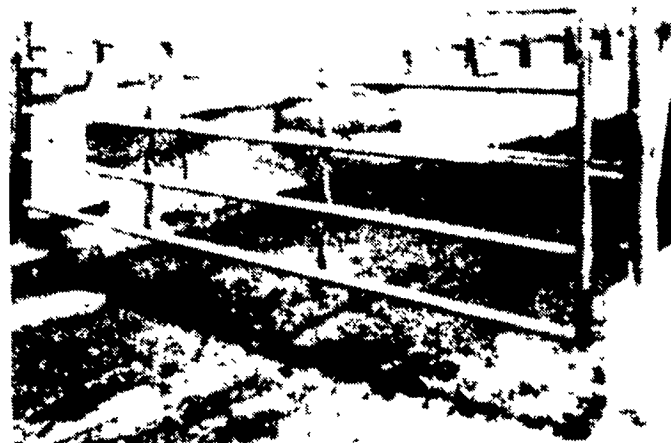
STEAM-SETTING THE COLORS: 1. Let fabric dry completely. 2. Lay fabric on two sheets or newsprint. Leave 2-inch margins on both sides of fabric. 3. Roll silk up in newsprint. Secure roll with tape. 4. Turn the roll in a circle. Tape or staple ends together.

STEAMING: 1. Fill pot with a small amount of water. 2. Place rack or vegetable steamer above water level in pot. Place rolled newsprint on top. 3. Place a tent of tin foil over the roll. 4. Cover pot. 5. Let fabric steam for 45 minutes to an hour. 5. Let fabric cool off.

FINISHING: 1. Rinse in cool water to remove resist. 2. Sew into scarf, pillow, dress, blouse or anything else desired.

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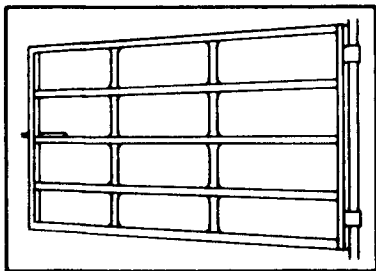
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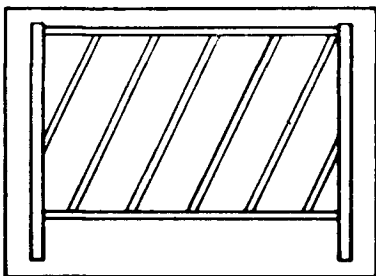
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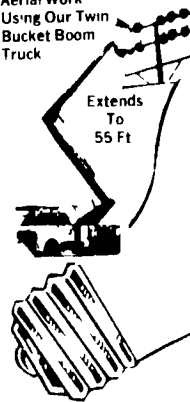
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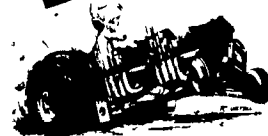
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