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New black Procion MX "BLACK"

Last year in our summer edition of G&S News, I wrote a small article about "recharging" your existing faded black jeans or shirts back to a solid black colour. There are now a lot of happy customers who still have rich dark black jeans a year later. We still get many inquiries about actually dyeing white or light coloured fabrics to black.

G&S currently carry two blacks in our Procion MX line. There's Black MX708 and Cotton Black MX702. What are the differences and why do we carry two? Our Cotton Black is really a very dark green. If you use less dye, it'll appear like a dark forest or aqua green. From experience this is great for recharging faded black garments. The other Black MX708 used to be red or purplish based. We have just reformulated it to be better and blacker. It is now a blue black. Perfect for dyeing light coloured fabrics to black. After listening to customers, we found that they prefer their garments to be bluish rather than purplish if it is dyed a lighter value.

Message

As I write this message, I cannot help but notice the hype for the new Star Wars movie. I have to admit to succumbing to the hype and have viewed the movie, not once, but twice in the first 24 hours of it's opening. Now before all my readers wonder where my head has gone, one of my motivations was the costumes. Although the action is fast and furious, it is pretty impossible not to notice the exceptional work. The queen's garments especially stand out as incredible examples of textile design. Even if you don't have any interest in the movie, you still should see it or pick up one of the many pictorials that will be published just to view all the costumes.

For my regular readers know that summer marks the beginning of the golfing, tennis and travelling seasons. Where will the roads take me this year? As in past years, Southwestern Ontario, along with Ottawa, Kingston and Montreal will be sure trips. But where else will I venture? I do hope I find time in August or September to make my first visit to The Maritimes. These trips provide me an opportunity to meet up with friends, relatives and put a face to my many customers. It also allows me to speak at local guilds or even teach workshops along the way. If you wish to "intercept" and book time during these jaunts across the country, please give me a ring to arrange it.

Take care,

Dixon



Second Annual One Day Sale



After an incredible response last year to our "One Day Sale", we are happy to announce another one on August 20th (mail order) and 21st (Retail at the Toronto Shop). This is the one time in the year that EVERYTHING that we sell is on sale at special markdowns. Examples;



- 1 All in-stock books are at least 20% off list prices
- 1 All Fabrics & Scarves are at least 15% off
- 1 All dyes and paints are at least 20% off
- 1 All Accessories are at least 20% off
- 1 And many more deals.....

For a full list of the items on sale, please contact us between August 2nd to the 5th. We'll be glad to fax or email you a list of the discounts offered. If you are currently on our email list, it will be automatically sent. To get on the list, please email me:

dixon@gsdye.com

As we did last year, mail orders, must be placed on Friday, August 20th ONLY. All orders before or after this day will not qualify for sale prices. For retail purchases, please mark Saturday, August 21st on your calendar. Our Toronto shop will open between 10am to 3pm that day.

We hope that the continued success of this yearly sale will allow us to continue making it an annual tradition.

New Products



Creative Marbling on Fabrics

A Guide to Making One-of-a-Kind Fabrics

by Judy Simmons, \$32.99

Learn to create your own exquisitely marbled fabrics, using 15 traditional patterns. Detailed instructions break down each pattern into easy-to-follow steps to help you create artistic and elegant marbling effects. You'll also find:

- 1 Seven step-by-step projects - including a a Falling Leaves quilt, silk scarf and scalloped vest
- 1 Directions for embellishing your marbled fabrics with surface-design techniques, such as dyeing, painting, printing and stamping
- 1 Full colour pages filled with inspirational ideas for using your new marbling skills

Silver & Gold Foil By The Foot

The initial launch of the gold and silver foils has gone very well. To meet demand and to make the product even more accessible, we're now selling the foil by the yard. The width is still 9" wide but you can order up to any continuous length.

The price for 12" is now \$2.50 as opposed to the old price of \$4.95 for 14"

Muslin Fabric

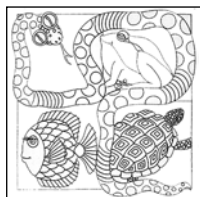
Muslin has long been the staple fabric for the fashion industry to make mock ups. The weight and body also make it extremely easy to sew. I've also noticed that many are using this natural coloured fabric in home decorating. \$4.50/yd, by the bolt it'll be \$3.50/yd

30mm Crepe De Chine (A1005)

This is our newest silk fabric. Much heavier than our regular Crepe (12mm, 14mm, 16mm), it's perfect for bridal wear, suits, curtains and very luxurious dresses. Still retaining the drape of silk crepe, the added body and weight eliminates the need for lining for dresses or blouses. \$29.00/yd bolt price \$25.00/yd.

Four new pre-resisted items

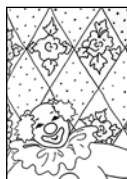
Introduced last edition, our pre-resisted silk line has been very well received. These easy to paint silk scarves, hankies and cards allow any beginner or seasoned painter to enjoy painting intricate designs that otherwise would be too difficult to draw or too tedious. The current line has expanded by four more items.



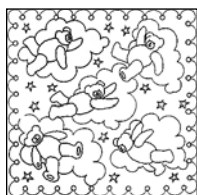
22"x22" scarf
Funky Animals with black resist lines
\$11.95



35"x35" scarf
Flourish with black resist lines
\$14.95



6" x 8¹/₄" cards
Clowns (four cards & designs with gold resist line)
\$13.95 / set of 4 cards



11"x11" Hankie
Teddies Dream with gold resist lines
\$4.95

New Chinese Brocade Colours & Styles

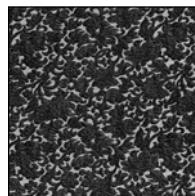
One of our most popular lines of fabrics is our Chinese Brocade line. We've steadily added colours and patterns over the years and below are all the styles, product numbers and colours that we currently carry. Although not in colour, you should still get an idea of the patterns from this exquisite line. Please remember to check out the web site to view in colours all the styles or if you'd like to receive samples, they are available for \$5.00. The fabric is 29" wide and still \$19.95 a yard.



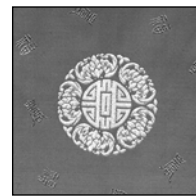
SB709 - Dark blue with gold foil pattern.



SB168401 - Black with large gold flowers.



SB140211 - Red with black pattern.



SB153803 - Red with large gold circular symbol.



SB164902 - Black with large gold dragons and phoenix



SB164907 - Black with large green and red dragons and phoenix.



SB1081 - Light Brown with circle flowers

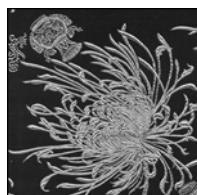
SB108135 - Red with circle flowers



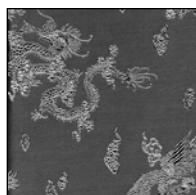
SB5928 - Turquoise with gold foil pattern.

SB703 - Aqua with gold foil pattern.

SB593 - Scarlet with gold foil pattern



SB108202 - Large flowers, purple highlights, brown background.



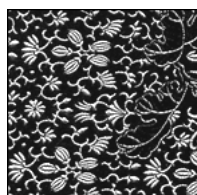
SB152306 - Red with large gold dragons and phoenix.



SB163903 - Gold with gold baby dragons.



SB165012 - Gold with orange flowers and symbols.

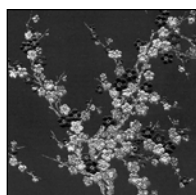


SB108632 - Black with gold patterns.

SB108607 - Green with light green patterns.

SB108623 - Pink with light pink patterns.

SB108609 - Blue with silver patterns

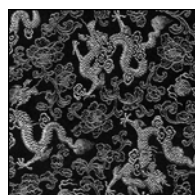


SB80101 - Dark blue with silver blossoms.

SB1080145 - Pink with pink blossoms

SB108025 - Red with gold blossoms.

SB1080101 - Turquoise with silver blossoms.



SB151004 - Black with gold dragons.

SB151003 - Gold with orange

SB151007 - Blue with silver

SB151006 - Green with gold

SB151002 - Red with gold

SB15100 - White with gold



SB168305 - Dark blue floral pattern with red highlights.

SB168301 - Red with gold floral pattern.

SB168306 - Green with gold floral pattern.

SB168303 - Gold with gold and light aqua highlights floral pattern.

Travelling workshops

As mentioned in my "Message", summer marks the beginning of my traveling workshops and speaking engagements. As in the past, distance will not be a determining factor for learning and taking workshops ranging from; marbling, dyeing fabrics for quilting, silk painting and silk screening. Currently my schedule is open and can easily accommodate groups of 6 or more. If you have any questions about these programs please do not hesitate to contact me.

At the time of printing, I'll definitely be in Calgary for the Creative Stitches and Crafting...Alive! conference between October 15th - 17th. Even if you're unable to gather a group, you can attend the show where I will be teaching silk painting, marbling, dyeing fabrics for quilting and microwave scarf dyeing.

I am also very excited about my tentatively planned trip to Nova Scotia/Maritimes around the 23rd. Any of the days can still be tacked on before or after so please contact me as soon as possible so that I'll be able to accommodate before purchasing airline tickets.

Raycafix

To clarify a product confusion, Raycafix replaced our Retayne last year. By supporting a Canadian firm, we not only were able to find a local source but found a product to be even better than Retayne.

For those who forget, the main purpose of Raycafix is to aid in the setting of dyes. Poorly set dyes tend to have excessive bleeding or washout. Using Raycafix eliminates this problem if used during the finishing rinse. It works officially with Procion H & MX dyes but with trial and error, Dekka, Dylon, Pebeo Soie and many other "unknown" dyes are aided.

A Quick TIP

by Cass Reimer

Resulting colours after discharging Procion MX dyed fabrics with our G&S Discharge Paste

Sky blue: does not discharge
Brown, brick, soft brown - off white
Golden yellow - off white
Chino - off white
Purple - grey
Dark green - white
Grey & black 708 - off white
Bright yellow - white
Orange - off white
Marine blue - turquoise
Navy - white

A Last Word

As many of my readers have noticed, this edition is quite late this time. I apologize for this. We've been quite busy and finding time for G&S NEWS has become more and more difficult. I've also noticed that finding fresh topics difficult at times. The dreaded "blank screen". Any story ideas or even contributing articles are always welcome and appreciated..

Next edition will be in November (holiday sales and workshop schedule).

Monthly Sales



1 For every \$50 spent on Procion H, Pebeo Soie or G&S Liquid Colours (before taxes), get a free Pre-Resisted Hankie (any one of the five styles in stock)

1 Coloured Crepe De Chine 14mm 45" wide. Reg. \$15.00/yd, SALE \$9.95/yd (black, cream, grey, reds, lt. olive, royal, jade, aqua, turquoise, peach, pink, dk purple, light purple and scarlet)

1 The 1 doz 1%, the 2 doz, 2%, 3 doz 3%, etc.... Scarf Sale (max 20%). The more you buy, the more you save!

1 We are clearing out our old Procion MX Black 708 (purplish based). It is on sale for 25% off ALL sizes - while supplies last.

- sales end September 30, 1999

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