

Dye your duvet

Fill your bedroom with furnishings that express your own individuality and style, like this pretty duvet set in purples and blues

1 The duvet I chose was entirely white, 100% cotton, with an embroidered lily design, also in white.

Having this motif already on the duvet meant I had a template to focus the design on. It's best to choose as near to white as you can as fabric dyes will blend with the original colour of the fabric. Here are some basic colour mixing rules to remember:

Red + blue = purple

Blue + yellow = green

Red + yellow = orange

2 When choosing what colour to dye your duvet think of the colours around it in the room. I chose a beautiful, bright turquoise as it is simply my favourite colour and would love waking up to it every morning!

3 Follow the instructions on your fabric dye packet to achieve the best results. The amount of dye required depends on the weight of the item. A double duvet cover weighs approximately 1200g (2½lbs).

4 Once the cycle is complete, take out the item and dry thoroughly.

5 Iron the fabric to make it easier to carry out any further embellishment.

6 Using fabric paints, bring out the detail in the embroidered pattern. Choose colours that complement your main duvet colour. I painted the embroidered lilies in purples, pinks, whites and blues. Place a piece of paper between the two layers of the duvet to ensure no paint seeps through and leave to dry completely.

7 To complete the look, sew beads and sequins in clusters at the centre of each flower. Don't sew any on to the pillows as they will be uncomfortable to sleep on!



Use complementary colours to pick out the details of the embroidered flower



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