



## CGF.M2.L02/L03.T: Colourwork Hand-dyeing yarn – Tasks

### Objective

In this next series of tasks you will be taking inspiration from the colourwork you completed in module one and developing this work through creation of a series of small, dyed pieces.

### Task One

Select one of the colourways from your work in Module One that you would like to develop further.

Using Procion MX or a dye of your choice, divide a 50g (2oz) skein of yarn into 5 equally sized smaller skeins.

Make up a dyestock solution of 5g (1tsp) dye plus 500ml (2 cups) water in your chosen colour.

Divide the dye solution over 5 small beakers as follows:

1. 5ml (1tsp)
2. 25ml (5 tsp)
3. 50ml (3 tbsp)
4. 125ml (1/2 cup)
5. 250ml (1 cup)

For each skein, fill a small microwaveable dish with around 500ml (2 cups) lukewarm water. Add dyestock solution 1. to the first dish, stir and add the skein.

Repeat for each skein so that you have 5 skeins each at a different concentration. This should give you five shades of a single hue (referred to as the 'depth of shade' or 'DOS').

Cook and finish as normal.

Dry and label your samples.

Once they are dry, knit up each skein into a small stocking stitch (stockinette) swatch using 4mm (old UK 8, US 6) needles and 30 sts.

### Task Two

Choose a further colourway from your work in Module One and dye a second skein of yarn using a multi-coloured technique of your choice. Consider the proportions in your skein, the order of colours, and how those colours will work together.

Once the skein is dry, knit up into a small stocking stitch (stockinette) swatch using 4mm (old UK 8, US 6) needles and 30 sts.

### Task Three

Select a third colourway from Module One and dye a knitted blank (or a piece of hand-knitted fabric) in a multi-coloured technique of your choice. Again, consider the proportions, the order and the placing of the colours.

Once the fabric is dry, unravel and re-knit half the yarn into a garter swatch using 4mm (old UK 8, US 6) needles and 30 sts. Knit the second half of the yarn into a stocking stitch (stockinette) swatch.