

Stephanie's Designs of Seattle: Fashion Tye-Dye For



BY MARIE ARY

A fashion-forward colorful line of children's tie-dye clothing plus knitted and crochet garments, all created by Stephanie Spearman, Stephanie's Designs of Seattle, are available in the North Arcade.

"Parents like these trendy, colorful tie-dye garments which make it easy to spot your child in a crowd and children like the clothing because the fun-to-wear garments are so colorful, like crayons," said Stephanie Spearman, Stephanie's Designs. "My complete children's line of clothing is available in sizes from newborn through 12 years, so even baby can be trendy like the big folks."

Spearman designs each piece of clothing with quality in mind, beginning with her choice of fabric selection and dye through garment styling and construction.

"All of my children's clothing line is fashioned from 100 percent, preshrunk cotton which is machine wash and dry for the convenience of busy parents who will find these clothes look great for a very long time," she said. "I design all my garments so parents and children can mix and match them to extend wardrobe options."

Her tie-dye designs are available in

single rich hued green, purple, red and turquoise as well as combinations of the four colors. "For example, I combine and coordinate colors such as a turquoise colored tie-dye top with turquoise and red tie-dyed leggings," said Spearman. "By mixing and matching these vivid, rich colors, children can be tie-dye fashionable from head-to-toe."

"Tie-dye has become a staple, a part of peoples wardrobes rather than a fad item, in part because of better dyes." Spearman uses dye that retains vibrant color after repeated washings. "I use fiber reactive dye that penetrates natural fiber rather than synthetic dye that won't penetrate and just sits on top of the fiber," she said. "I only use natural fibers like cotton because this dye won't penetrate synthetic fabric. "Customers find my natural fiber clothing retains vibrant color that remains rich and doesn't fade, unlike the first tie-dye clothing back the 1960s and 1970s."

Her complete head-to-toe children's line includes hats and socks, shirts and tops, dresses and leggings, long Johns and onesies.

"Onesies, that staple all babies have, come with a snap crotch for easy diaper changing and my onesies come in bright colors for the hip kid," said Spearman. "People are always looking for onesies."

And during January, according to Washington State Department of Health statistics, over 6,000 babies needing onesies will be born statewide, with the largest number, nearly a third of these babies, born within Seattle and King County.

But Spearman doesn't forget adults



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Stephanie Spearman, Stephanie's Designs of Seattle, wearing one of her novelty yarn scarves while she displays just a few garments from her tie-dye children's clothing line designed for newborns through 12-year-olds.

who need elegant and colorful tie-dye accessories. "I created very affordable tie-dye velvet scarves which are a rayon and silk fiber combination in rich, dramatic jewel tone colors," she said. "The scarves range from 40-inches to 60-inches in

length with price points from \$24 to \$26."

To complement her tie-dye designs, Spearman now knits and crochets garments from popular novelty yarns

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