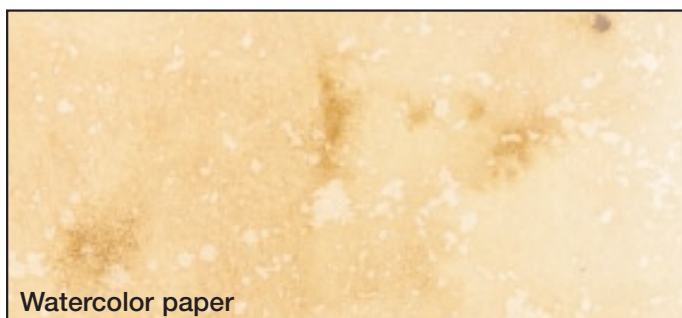
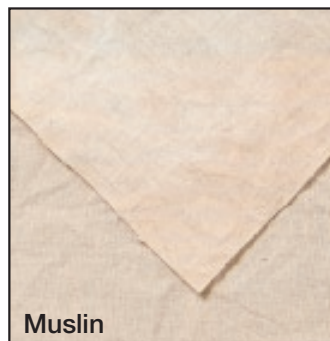


## Tea Staining *on felt, muslin and paper*



### BAKE

Mix together  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of water and 2 tablespoons of instant tea. Using foam brush, brush tea onto fabric. Lay fabric on a cookie sheet that has been lined with an old towel and place in a 250°F oven for 5 minutes. Turn fabric over and bake for another 5 minutes or until fabric is dry. Repeat this process until you get the desired darkness.

### IRON

To achieve a darker, more intense, timeworn tea-stained look, press an iron set at the hottest temperature on top of a piece of wet, tea-stained wool felt or muslin. Be sure to keep the iron moving so it doesn't leave an imprint of the iron holes on the fabric. Another helpful hint: Don't use your everyday iron, because the tea stain will iron off onto other fabrics and clothes. Buy a used iron at a thrift store to use exclusively for staining craft fabrics.

### DRY

Boil tea bags in water for several minutes in a medium saucepan. Remove pan from stove. Tea stain fabric by crumpling it and placing it in saucepan for 5–10 minutes. Rinse fabric in cold water and wring out excess water. Dry in dryer. Do not iron.

### COFFEE

Scoop some instant coffee granules into a bowl and add water, creating a heavy mix of water and coffee that is almost like an espresso. Take a sponge brush and wipe the surface of the watercolor paper to get a really good coating. Sprinkle a couple of the coffee granules on the paper to give it a dotted effect, letting it sit for a few minutes so it absorbs. Dab the stain off with a folded paper towel so it leaves an ochre color on the paper. To lighten up certain areas, paint paper with bleach. Let dry.