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DIY, he invested in a bag full of cold dye and invited all his friends to a "dye-in." It was the summer of '68 and Guy had the most colorful shirts in the neighborhood that year.

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