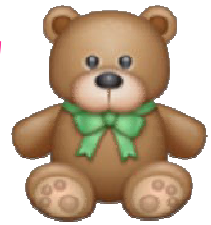




Let's Get Crafty!!



# Family Friendly Education Pack



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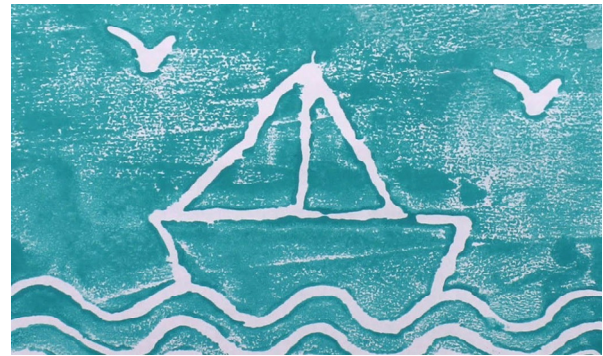
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# 1. Creative crafts for children



You can use anything for your block printing project. You can use fruit like apples, pears, and vegetables such as cucumbers, carrots and even potatoes. This General guide will help you.

1. You can start of by using anything such as an apple or a potato.



2. Cut the potato any size or shape in half. (if you can't cut it yourself ask an adult to cut for you).
3. Cut the potato into a little circle.
4. Then decorate the top of the potato by making simple star patterns, for this you need mum or dad to cut little slits in a pattern for you.
5. Then you get your paint which you can get at any shop such as Poundland, Willco and some other supermarkets.
6. Open paint and squeeze it on either a plastic tray or just a lid of an old container you don't use. Then get printing!
7. You can use your printed design on other things such as fabric, paper **and even on a 'T-shirt**. You can use again and again, but remember to dispose after use.

## 2. Printing with sponges

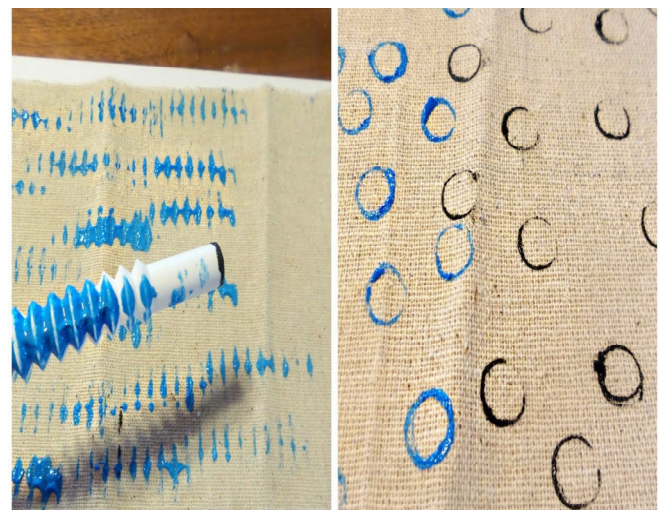


You can use an old washing up sponge at home which you can cut into different shapes. For this you need scissors and some old sponges. You can cut your design any shape such as a triangle, square or even a circle.

1. Paint your sponge
2. Press sponge down on whatever you wish to use, it can be fabric or paper.
3. And start printing!

You can also use other things such as straw or cardboard loo role that you can make circle patterns with on fabric or paper.

Try making your own patterns with circles!





# 3. Block printing using polystyrene sheets



You can make various patterns by using polystyrene plates or food cartons which is just as useful.

1. First you take a sheet of polystyrene or used carton or paper plate
2. Then, using a pencil start drawing your design or pattern.
3. Then by selecting your favourite colours brush along the pattern made. You can use different colours for different parts of your work like these pictures.
4. You can use your prints again and again even on fabric and paper.





# 4. Painting freestyle



Children get so much out of painting. It allows them to express themselves in a comfortable environment. Home is the best place for them to experiment with different colours and mixing them. It's amazing to see what children come up with so have a go!



You might like to try doing different subjects as shown in these really interesting pieces.



For a video on block printing see - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM1eD8WVAKc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM1eD8WVAKc)

