



Styrofoam Printmaking



VIDEO:



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MATERIALS:

- Styrofoam plate
- Pencil
- Acrylic or watercolor paint
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Thick copy paper/
construction paper



OBJECTIVES: Kids will create a monoprint using a styrofoam plate. Kids will “ink” the plate and create a print (stamp). Kids will learn that a design is reversed when you create a print.

DIRECTIONS:

On a piece of paper, sketch out some ideas of what kind of printmaking stamp you’d like to make! I chose to create a spring-themed picture, but you can create whatever you’d like!

Using a pencil, carefully draw your design into the plate. You don’t want to push through the plate, just make your mark deep enough to see. Keep in mind whatever design you draw will be reversed when you stamp it. If you want to write words, be sure to draw them backwards into the plate.



Once you are done drawing your design into the plate, you will “ink” the bottom of the plate to create your print. Use your paintbrush to lightly paint over your plate. Be sure the paint is thin, so that the paint doesn’t seep into the design. If that happens, use your paintbrush to take out the paint and wipe off on a paper towel.



Set your thick copy paper or construction paper on a flat surface. Holding the plate with the paint side down, press the plate onto your paper. Use small circle motions to gently rub the plate onto the paper.



Carefully lift up the plate to reveal your design! You can create as many “prints” as you’d like. Reuse the plate and add more paint to create another print!





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