

Printing and Stamping

Have you ever done painting using potatoes or sponges?

You can use potatoes to dip into paint and print images on paper.

Really? That sounds cool. But what if I don't like potatoes?

That's ok, you can use sponges too. Or even pre-designed stamps. Or even your hands. Let's get ready to get messy.

How messy?

Very messy. Probably a good idea to cover your workspace with newspaper and wear an art smock. Ask your grown up to help you set up.

Check out this great video from [The Met Museum](#) on how to make a potato stamp for printing.

Or you can make your stamp by cutting a shape into a sponge. Or using shapes made from foam.

Or you can use your fingers, hands or feet.

You will need:

Stamps—potato, sponge, hand/foot

Paint on a dish/paper plate and a paint brush

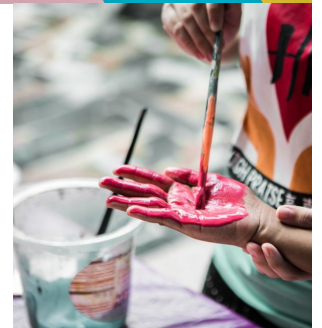
Paper to put your print on.

Water to clean your brush or stamp with—Remember to clean your stamp with water before using a new paint colour.

1. Use a wet paintbrush to apply the paint to the stamp.
2. Firmly press the stamp onto a piece of paper. Hold for 3 seconds.
3. Slowly lift the stamp from the paper.
4. Repeat to make a pattern.
5. Use different shaped stamps and use different colours.

Check out your awesome print!

If you would like to share your creation, you can upload a photo at the [Kids Holiday Activities Gallery](#).



Check out these ideas for inspiration.

