

Unearthing Creativity

Gateways to creative activity - Worksheet

Printing at home with found materials

"You don't need expensive materials or a printing press to create multiple artworks" – Marion Cheung

Purpose: Explore textures into home-made prints. Create many artworks to generate new ideas.

Materials: PVA glue/glue stick; Cardboard packaging (i.e. cereal packets, egg boxes, empty kitchen roll); bubble wrap; photocopy paper/old envelopes; paintbrush/paint roller; chopping board; acrylic paint; washing up liquid; a kitchen table; butter knife, scissors (craft knife – optional), biro.

- Process**
1. To make your printing plate, cut some card (approx. 15cm x 20cm) and then stick down a variety of different textures that you have found. Bubble wrap, scrunched-up tin foil, or corrugated card are great! Allow to dry.
 2. Mix some paint and a squirt of washing up liquid onto the chopping board with a butter knife – (aim for texture like thick cream). Washing up liquid slows the drying time of your paint (acrylic is a cheap alternative to printing ink).
 3. Load roller or paint brush with paint. Apply paint evenly to the plate. Wipe excess off with a rag.
 4. Place thin paper on the plate – gently smooth down with your hand. Try not to let paper move. Gently lift paper off.

Things to consider...

To print words, remember to reverse the letters! Experiment with different amounts of paint. Add marks to the cardboard by drawing with a biro. Press hard to make lines, dots, etc.

Use your prints as collage paper, cutting shapes out. The contrast between the organic, prints and clean, cut-outs is particularly pleasing.



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Unearthing Creativity is a collaborative project which is being delivered by artists Marion Cheung, Naz Syed, Creative Lives and Age Cymru.

For further information, please see www.creative-lives.org/unearthing-creativity.

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