

CRAFT KITS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

PRINTMAKING!

This is one of those creative activities that looks too easy to actually work. We are happy to say that it is super easy and fun, and it really works! Print yourself a set off cheerful pictures; the more the merrier!



Supplies in kit

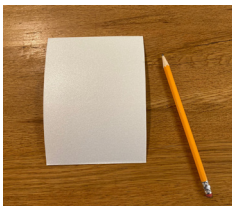
- 2 sheets of styrofoam
- 2 sheets of paper

What you'll need from home

- a pencil with a dulled point
- water soluble markers
- a plate
- paper towels
- tape (optional)

Directions

1. Place a sheet of styrofoam on your drawing surface. Note the way the sheet bows. Holding it flat with your hand (or tape), draw your picture using some pressure but not so much that you make a hole in the foam. This is why your pencil point shouldn't be too sharp. Your drawing should make grooves in the styrofoam so you will see the lines of your drawing in the print. **Helpful Hint:** If you want to write words on your picture be sure to write them backwards. Prints are mirror images of your original drawing.



2. Dampen a couple of sheets of paper towel and place them on a large plate. Next lay your printing paper on the wet towels and press all over so that the paper becomes moistened. This helps the printing process. Set the plate of damp paper aside

until it is time to print.



3. Color your picture all over using water soluble markers. Then lay the very moist paper on top of your picture and apply pressure by patting and pressing firmly and even pounding a little, so that the damp paper can absorb your “ink.”



4. Gently peel the paper off the styrofoam, and there is your beautiful work of art! While it is drying, you can start on another print. The fun of printmaking is being able to create your artwork over and over again. **Helpful Hint:** When making more prints, just be sure to use soft paper like construction paper so that it can absorb the moisture and “ink.”



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