

Potato stamp

How to create fun pictures using a potato stamp



1. Collect the resources you will need for this activity.

You will need:

- 4-6 small potatoes
- Paint (a few different colours of poster paints are best for this)
- Saucers or shallow bowl
- Newspaper
- Small kitchen knife (it may be suitable for the person leading the task to use the knife)
- Paper
- Kitchen roll



2. Think about what image you would like to create with your potato stamp

Play around with ideas and do some drawings of your print ideas. You could have different shapes such as lines, squares, triangles and circles; fruit shapes such as apple and banana; animal shapes such as fish, cat and elephant.



3. Set up your space

You may want to put some newspaper down to protect the surface you are working on from paint. Put different colours of paint in each saucer or shallow bowl.



4. Carve the half potatoes into the pattern or shape you would like

You might need some support with cutting the potato. If you aren't happy with the shape, you can cut it off and start again.

Note: Under no circumstances should small children be given the knife and some others may need assistance to cut the shapes.



5. Choose the colour paints you want to use and get your paint ready by putting a small amount of the colour in a saucer or shallow bowl.

Use one colour per bowl to stop your colours getting mixed up.



6. Dip your carved potato into a paint to make sure the shape is well covered



7. Stamp your dipped potato on the paper

You may want to make this into a fun design using either lots of the same image in different colours or lots of different images. You can wipe and reuse your carved potato with other colours again and again.