

Cereal Boxes and Printmaking

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I am a retired kindergarten teacher with 31 years of experience and have a degree from Chico State with a Printmaking Major. I have been dedicated to art all my life and am constantly aware of colors/shapes/textures all around me. I love teaching children this same awareness. I emphasize abstract design elements in my teaching. I love playing with paper/fabric in printmaking. I currently am teaching adult classes in soy wax batik using printmaking techniques and fabric design. I also do collage, mosaic, printmaking, soy wax batik workshops /demos in schools, for a nominal fee.

Below are a few of my favorite activities I've used in my classroom. You must play first with the processes before trying with young children. Organization and step by step demos are important in the classroom.

Monoprints-table or counter surfaces, cookie sheets, brushes, classroom paints, acrylics, fabric paints, paper towels, baby wipes, Q-tips, your fingers and items to draw with, cut cereal boxes work well as a surface to print with, various papers and fabric(old white/pastel color sheets) celery , carrot, pretzel sticks, do 1 color prints or 2-3 colors

Gel Printing-buy or make your own gel pads (YouTube-great demos), brayers to apply paint/acrylics/fabric paints to gel pad, textures/stencils applied to pads then print on paper/fabric

Foam Stamp Printing-recycled meat trays, cut shape, use ink pen and draw designs/shapes, paint with foam brush or soft brush, stamp and apply soft pressure over foam stamp on paper or fabric Or cut adhesive sheets from Michaels-stick on a block or thick cardboard, paint lightly then stamp.

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Homemade Stamps- Refer to Traci Bunker's Book-Print & Stamp Lab-52 ideas for Handmade and Upcycled Printing Tools

Useful Resources: YouTube videos are very helpful, just type in one of the techniques I've outlined and your off.

GELLI Arts: a gel printing plate (go to this web site, www.gelliarts.com) or YouTube

DickBlick.com YouTube demos using their materials with printmaking

SherrillKahn.com

ccpvideos.com

TraciBunker.com

GloriaPage.com

RaynaGilman.com

Search: secondhand stores, garage sales, dollar stores, hardware departments, (printmaking changes how you look at items. What if I apply paint on that item and stamp it on paper/a wall/fabric/etc-how will it look

Classroom Organization:

Pull out method: group of 6-8, children doing an independent activity at table, adult pulls 2 aside to do a print.

Station: group of 6-8, 6-8 aluminum cookie sheets-circle around apply paint, children to their designs, as one finishes make print while they watch, go to next child, they can repaint sheet if print finished, you continue around till all done. If any missed, catch up during free choice time.

Independent Station-once children have learned the process and demo that they can do it alone-let them! Have an ROP student, parent volunteer, upper grade student assist when needed,

Finished Outcomes-Framed Art, Shakers, decorate Class Journal, make a book ,patterning, greeting cards, stationary, envelopes, mosaics, pillows, decorate bags, add to clothing, frame in unique ways, name tags, wrapping paper, cover cans and tubes to be containers, foam stamps on flower pots, mouse pads, ornaments, mobile shapes, banners, cover nice boxes and more!