



Tortilla Press Prints



Supplies needed

- cardstock paper
- styrofoam plate or container
- acrylic paint, any color
- sponge or paint brush
- paint pallet
- tortilla press

Curriculum areas

Art, printmaking, color theory

Objectives

- Learn about printmaking
- Create a custom relief print using styrofoam and paint

Instructions

1. Cover your work area with newsprint or similar to avoid messes.
2. Using your pencil with firm pressure, draw an image onto the foam sheet or trace over a drawing. You want to create a deep line drawing for your relief print.
3. Choose a paint color and squeeze some out onto the paint pallet.
4. Using your foam brush, gently apply some paint over the drawing on your foam plate. Be sure to cover the whole drawing.
5. Carefully place the painted foam plate

- Pencil, pen, or similar
- drawing paper
- Paper towels or dish rag
- Water cup for cleaning brushes
- scrap cardboard piece

paint-side-down onto a sheet of card stock paper. Place this inside the tortilla press with a scrap piece of cardboard and close the top of the press. Use pressure on the handle to create good contact inside the press.

6. Release the tortilla press top and peel the foam from the paper to reveal your art!

Pro Tips

- When drawing text, it will be reversed in the final print. Be sure to draw text backwards onto the foam plate before printing.

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