

Creating Pattern with Printmaking

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Student will be able to design and produce a repeating pattern using a simple stamping/printing technique.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- A found object to use as a stamp (a sponge cut into a shape, a cut potato, a bottle cap, a cork, etc.)
- washable paint or ink pad
- paper
- paper towels
- ruler and pencil (optional, for a grid guide)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Choose or prepare a simple stamping object with a clear, recognizable shape (cut a sponge or potato into a basic shape like a star, heart, or triangle if needed).
2. Lightly draw a grid of dots on your paper using a ruler and pencil to guide even, consistent spacing for your stamps.
3. Dip your stamp in paint and press it onto the paper at each grid point, creating a basic repeating pattern across the whole page.
4. Once the first layer is dry (or using a second color while alternating), add a second stamped element in a different color in the empty spaces between your first pattern to create a more complex 2-layer pattern.
5. Let your pattern dry completely, then write a short label describing the 'motif' (repeated unit) you created.

QUESTIONS

1. What object did you use as your stamp, and what shape motif did it create?

2. How did using a pencil grid help you create a more consistent pattern?

3. What is a 'motif' in pattern design, based on this activity?

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- 4. How did adding a second color/shape layer change the complexity of your pattern compared to using just one stamp?**
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