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Styrofoam Plate Printmaking

Printmaking is a way to make art by transferring images from a matrix onto another surface, usually paper or fabric. This method is an easy and inexpensive way to try printmaking at home.



Supplies

- Paper
- Styrofoam Plate or Tray
- Scissors
- Pen
- At Least One Color of Paint
- Paintbrush

Directions

1. Grab the Styrofoam plate or tray, and cut the rim off with a pair of scissors, so that you are left with the flat part in the middle, as shown to the right.
2. Using your pen, draw on the flat piece of plate or tray. Make sure to use enough pressure to indent into the Styrofoam, but be careful not to tear through. Note that when finally printed, the design will be flipped, so any words you include in your artwork must be written backwards.
3. Once you have finished drawing, use the paintbrush to apply paint all over the Styrofoam.
4. Flip the Styrofoam over onto the piece of paper, and press down firmly.
5. Carefully peel back the Styrofoam.
6. Let the paint dry and enjoy your finished print! Using the same Styrofoam printing block, you may want to repeat steps 3-6 on new pieces of paper and experiment with different colors and amounts of paint.

