Potato Printing!

Step-by-step Guide

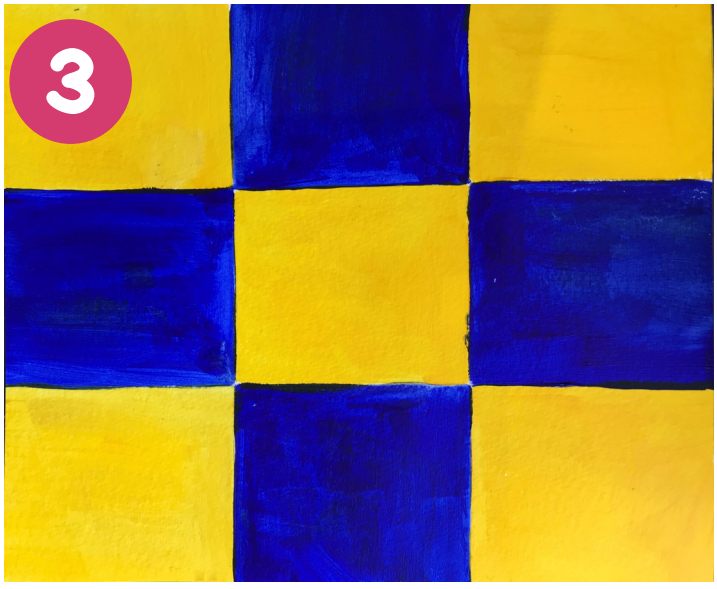


How about doing some potato printing? It's so brilliant because you can get the same image more than once...so it's great for making cards or making your own wrapping paper!

First of all check with your parents that it's OK to have a potato. Alternatively you could use a carrot. Draw whatever shape you want to print onto your potato with a marker pen. I've done star and a heart.



Make sure you have an adult with you to cut the shape out.



I made a grid to fit my star shape and then I painted the rectangles in alternate blue and yellow. You may want to do this with other colours or just use coloured paper instead. You can use acrylic paint, poster paint, remixed paint or even inks for this.



Paint the shape on your potato using a colour that will show up on your chosen background. Don't forget to do two different colours on either side of the potato. I've gone for yellow and blue!



Next, place the potato very carefully where you want it to print. Try to keep a steady hand so the print doesn't smudge. Peel it off carefully and repeat!



Try a different shape. I painted my heart one next. Try overlapping your prints, Try using more than one colour on the same shape, try turning it upside down every other one to make a pattern.

Hope you've had fun. Remember to let us know how you get on and send us photos of you cards...we'd love to see them!

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