

Sponge Printmaking

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Materials you will need:

Paint (this could be acrylic, poster or ready mixed)

A new sponge such as a bath, household or art sponge

A small bowl or pot of water (this could be a clean pot or jar)

Paint brush

Scissors

Paper

Palette (this could be a clean plastic lid)



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How to make a sponge print:

- 1) Source inspiration for your design. I used daffodils as my inspiration. Simplify the shapes of your design and cut these shapes out of your sponge using scissors.
- 2) Put your paints onto your palette, you may need to moisten slightly with water.
- 3) Using a paint brush, apply the paint to one side of the sponge.
- 4) Turn the sponge around, place onto your paper, paint side down, and press, applying an even pressure.
- 5) Lift the sponge off, taking care not to smudge the wet paint.
- 6) You can repeat this process to build up your design.
- 7) You can use and mix different colours to create tone and pattern. Why not try using other everyday objects to print with, such as a piece of cardboard, bubble wrap or string?