

Potato stamp wrapping paper



Age 7+
(adult supervision)



30 minutes

Details

What you need

- Old recycled paper or brown paper
- Sellotape
- Scissors
- Felt tips
- Paint
- Potato
- Knife
- Paper clip

Safety and Guidance



Precautions

Remind students to be careful when pressing the paper clip into the potato. Encourage students to dry hands if wet to reduce hands slipping.

Overview

Conventional wrapping paper is often made with plastic. It cannot be recycled nor can it biodegrade. Therefore, if put in the bin it will be taken to land fill and remain in the environment for many years. In this activity students will learn how to create a plastic free alternative to wrapping paper. Students will design their own potato stamp to create a unique wrapping paper.

Running the Activity

Making a potato print stamp

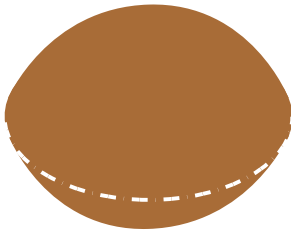
1. Draw an image you would like on your wrapping paper. Make sure the image is no larger than the width of the potato you will be using
2. Cut a potato in half
3. Press the image on to the potato (the inside part which has just been exposed when cut)
4. Unfold a paper clip to form a pointed end
5. Following the lines of your image, push the pointed end through the paper and into the potato
6. You should now have an outline of your image
7. Using the other end of the paper clip scrape out the parts of the potato that you do not want to be covered in paint
8. Finally, like magic, you should have your potato print stamp

Making wrapping paper

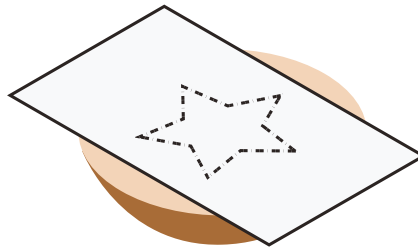
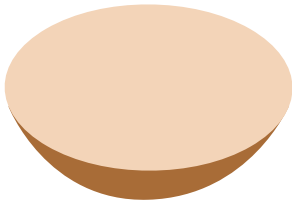
9. Get students to Sellotape their scrap or brown paper to their tables
10. Dip the potato into the paint
11. Firmly press the potato on to your scrap or brown paper

Once dry, students can add further detail to their paper using felt tips, otherwise they can take their giftwrap home to use to wrap presents for loved ones.

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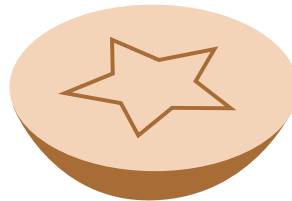


**Slice the potato
in half**



**Place the
picture on the
potato half**

**Use a paperclip
end to cut into the
potato**



**Scoop out the interior
of the shape**

