

BUDDY HOLLY CENTER

DIY Potato Stamp

ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

This activity challenges your creativity to make something beautiful out of something ordinary.

Learn how to make your own stamp with an unconventional material - a potato! We are using a potato here, but you can use other fruits and/or veggies if you prefer,

Use your new stamp to make a standalone piece of art or a custom print!

WHAT YOU NEED

- Potatoes (whatever kind you have on hand is fine!)
- Paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Paring knife and/or precision knife
- Paint - acrylic
- Disposable tablecloth or newspaper

NO CARVE FRUITS AND VEGGIES TO TRY

- ☐ Celery
- ☐ Bell Peppers
- ☐ Apples
- ☐ Lemons

FABRIC ART

You can also experiment with stamping onto fabric instead of paper.

Tip: You can use acrylic paint or fabric paint, but cotton fabric works best for stamping creations.

- Make a statement kitchen towel
- Make a pattern for a graphic t-shirt

Activity Steps



PREP YOUR SPACE

Lay down a table cloth, newspaper, or even flattened out garbage bags to keep your craft space clean and paint-free.



DRAW YOUR STAMP

On your paper, draw out a shape for your stamp. Hearts, stars, and circles are all great choices, but be as creative as you want! Cut out your shape using the scissors and set aside.

Remember not to make your shape too large, since you'll have to carve it on your potato.



Activity Steps



PREP YOUR POTATO

Carefully slice your potato in half. Blot the potato halves with a paper towel or kitchen towel to remove some moisture. Let the potato halves air dry a bit to make sure that the paint sticks!

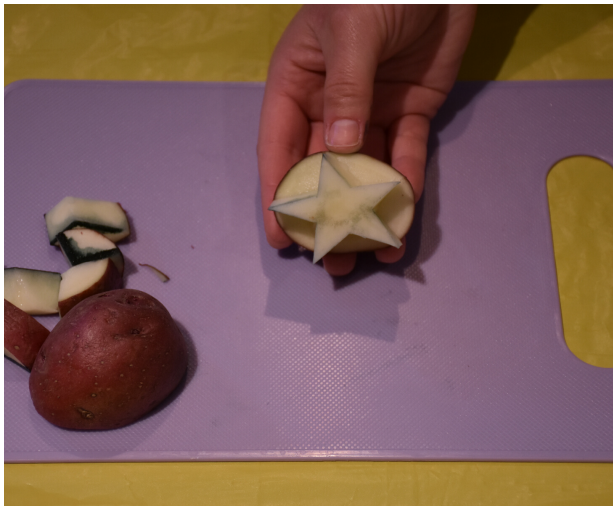
Take one potato half and trace your shape on the inside of the potato using a marker.



CUT OUT YOUR STAMP

Use your knife to cut out the shape. Make sure you cut a few centimeters deep. Then, take your knife and cut through the sides of the potato, being careful not to slice off the shape in the center.

You can also free hand your stamp design using a precision knife and carve it directly into the potato half or stick a cookie cutter into the potato and cut around it.



Activity Steps



PREP YOUR PAINT AND PAPER

Pick out a paint color (or a few) to stamp your paper with. Use a brush to apply paint on your potato stamp or dip your stamp directly into the paint.

You can use one color, blend your own color, or use multiple colors to make your print.



MAKE YOUR PRINT

Press your painted potato stamp down onto your paper and hold it down for a few seconds and voila - you have a custom stamp!

Decorate your paper using your new stamp. For a print effect, you can use your stamp in repeated patterns. Make multiple stamps for a dynamic print design!



You can use your new stamped paper in so many ways! Use it as gift wrap, hang it on a wall as a fancy custom art piece, or turn it into a card for someone special!