

# Print With Anything

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An easy print activity for any age. Try this easy way to make colourful prints using the kitchen table and utensils as your tools. Once you have created your printing block, you can use it over

and over again to make multiple prints. After every one or two prints, you can just apply more ink/paint and carry on printing.



## Materials

- Stiff cardboard
- Greaseproof kitchen paper or tracing paper
- Scissors
- PVA Glue
- Acrylic paints or water based printing ink
- Old bits of wallpaper or textured paper, string
- Artist roller or kitchen Rolling pin
- Kitchen teaspoon, wooden spoon
- Thin paper like computer paper

## Instructions

**Step 1.** Find a piece of stiff card A5 or A6 size to use as your printing plate, then draw around it on a piece of paper. Draw out a picture to use as a template within the border line.

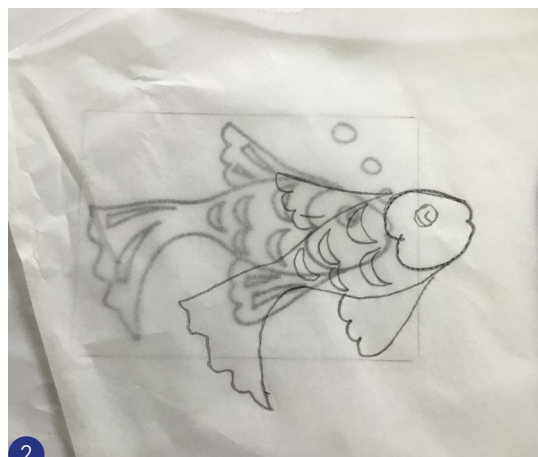
**Step 2.** Trace the image out on greaseproof paper which you will use as a template to cut out individual shapes.

**Step 3.** Proceed to trace out shapes on the reverse side of wall paper scraps or thin card and cut them out with scissors, make sure to use the best textured pieces or whole shapes from raised wallpaper patterns.

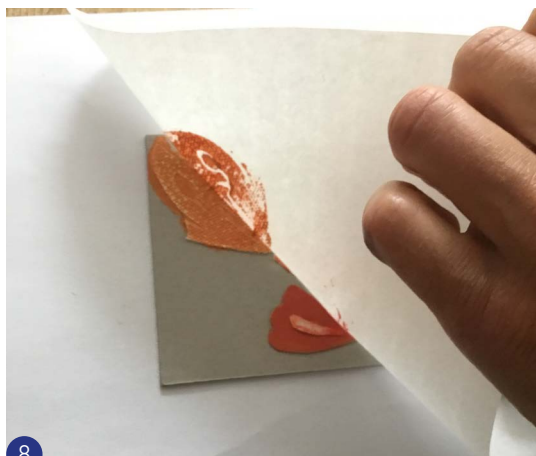
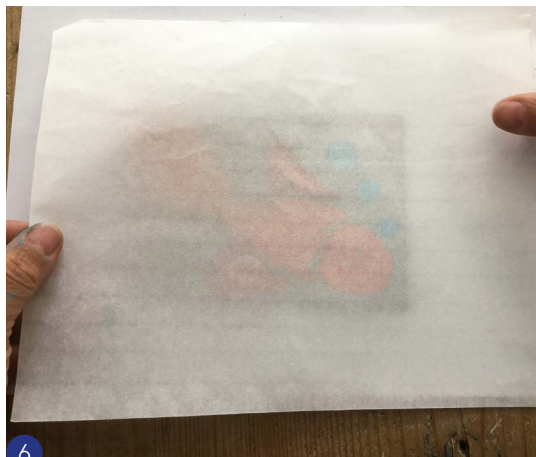
**Step 4.** Using a brush and PVA glue, stick each shape to the card and wait for it to dry properly.

Step 5. Next you need to 'ink' up the image by either using a

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brush and acrylic or poster paints. Alternatively, you can buy water based printing ink in small tubes, and roller this on to your image.

**Step 6.** Carefully lay thin paper over the top of the image. Home computer printing paper works fine for this.

**Step 7.** Using the back of a spoon, gently rub all over the image in circular motion, being careful to keep the paper in position. Finish with a firmer going over of the image, still using the back of the spoon.

**Step 8.** From one corner carefully lift the paper.

**Step 9.** Reveal your final print.

**Note:** You can also use glued down string or fabric to make pictures. You will need to use a rolling pin or roller to print these.

