



DIY Print Making

What will I need?

- A large sheet of plain paper
- Paint
- Vegetables
- Knife
- Chopping board
- A paintbrush
- Glue or tape
- Googly eye (optional)
- Pipe cleaners (optional)

Top Tip!

If you don't have any vegetables spare, you can always use a sponge, cut to shape with scissors.

What do I do?

1. Ask whoever does your food shopping if you can have a vegetable. This could be a potato / swede / carrot / parsnip / broccoli floret, but shouldn't be too old. You might need to ask an adult to help with the next few bits.
2. On a chopping board, cut the vegetable in half so you have a flat surface, then score your design into it. You'll need to cut downwards at least 1cm.
3. Slowly cut sideways about 1cm down from your flat surface. Try to avoid cutting too deeply near the parts you need to leave behind.





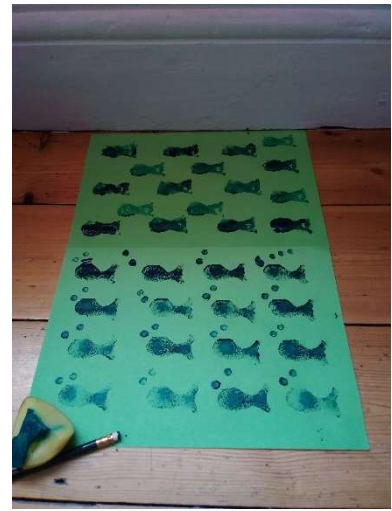
4. Pull away the unwanted bits of vegetable, leaving just your chosen shape raised up. Here we've gone for a fish.

5. Pour some paint into a shallow dish. You could always use an empty yoghurt pot.

6. Dip your vegetable into the paint and then stamp the paper in a repeating pattern. If your design is coming out a bit too heavy, you may need to stamp a piece of scrap paper first.

For our fish, we used the end of a pencil to add some bubbles.

7. Make sure you wash your hands thoroughly when you've finished!



8. Why not try some different designs, such as gift wrap presents, paw prints, Easter chicks, wherever your imagination takes you! We'd love to see your creations, so be sure to take photos and share them on social media, tagging @Ipswichmuseums