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Stamp a Star with a Potato

Circle group

You can make art with a potato. It is called a potato print.

A grown-up cuts a potato in half. The grown-up cuts a star in the flat side. The star sticks up.

Press the star in paint. Press it on paper. Lift it up. A star! Do it again and again. You get a sky of stars.

Questions

1. What do you use to make a potato print?

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2. Who cuts the potato?

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3. What shape is cut in the potato?

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4. What do you press into first?

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5. How do you get a sky of stars?

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6. Why do you wash the stamp at the end?

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Words to know

print: a picture made by pressing something with paint on paper

flat: smooth and level, with no bumps

press: to push down on something

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Triangle group

You can make art with a potato. It is called a potato print.

A grown-up cuts a potato in half. Then the grown-up cuts a shape into the flat side, like a star. The star part sticks up.

Now you can print. Press the star into a plate of paint. Press it down on paper. Lift it up. There is a star! Press again and again. You get a whole sky of stars.

You can wash the potato stamp and use it once more.

Questions

1. What do you use to make a potato print?

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2. Who cuts the potato?

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3. What shape is cut into the flat side?

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4. What do you press the stamp into first?

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5. Why does the star part stick up?

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6. How can you get a whole sky of stars?

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Square group

You can create real art with nothing more than a potato. This kind of art is called a potato print.

First, a grown-up slices the potato in half. Then the grown-up carves a shape, such as a star, into the flat side, so that the star part sticks up from the rest of the potato.

Next, press the star into a plate of paint. Then press it firmly onto a sheet of paper and lift it away. A bright star appears! Keep pressing and you will soon have a whole sky of stars.

When you finish, wash the potato stamp, and you can use it once more.

Questions

1. What do you need to make a potato print?

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2. Who slices the potato and carves the shape?

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3. What shape is carved into the flat side?

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4. What do you press the star into before using the paper?

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5. Why does the star part stick up from the potato?

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6. How could you fill a whole page with stars?

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For the teacher: Stamp a Star with a Potato

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Stamp a Star with a Potato

Easier · 60 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. A potato, paint and paper.
2. A grown-up.
3. A star.
4. Paint.
5. Press the stamp again and again.
6. To use it again.

Triangle: Stamp a Star with a Potato

This passage · 86 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.7

1. A potato cut in half, paint and paper.
2. A grown-up.
3. A star.
4. A plate of paint.
5. So only the star touches the paper and leaves paint.
6. Press the stamp again and again.

Square: Stamp a Star with a Potato

Harder · 109 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.4

1. A potato cut in half, paint and paper.
2. A grown-up.
3. A star.
4. A plate of paint.
5. So only the star touches the paper and leaves its paint.
6. Keep pressing the stamp onto the paper again and again.