

POTATO STAMPS!

Here's a fun activity for you to do with an adult on a wet inside kind of day or maybe something you can work on together before Christmas when you are making cards and wrapping paper.

Potatoes make great stamps and you can cut them into any shape you can think of! You really need an adult to do the cutting of the potato because it can be a bit fiddly holding a small knife carefully.

Here's what you need

One or two good sized potatoes

Paints

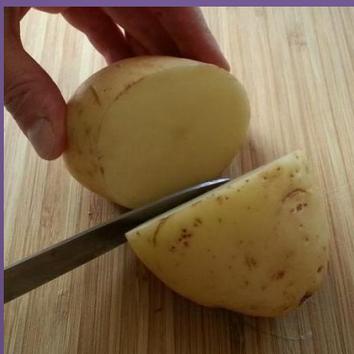
A plate to put the paint on

Paper or card for stamping on



This first part is for the adult to do

Cut the potato in half across the middle and then cut two wedges in the top of each half to give finger grips for holding on to while stamping.



Take a pencil or old pen and draw the design you want to cut out onto the flesh of the potato, you need to use the pencil to “carve” the shape into the potato flesh so you can cut around it. Try and carve the shape outline about 2-3mm into the flesh.



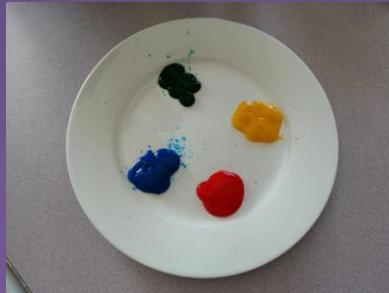
Carefully take a small paring knife and cut into the outside of the potato about 3-5mm from the top, going in as far as your carved pencil edge. Follow this around the potato and remove the pieces as they come away.



Your potato stamp is now ready for action! Don't worry if you make a mistake and ruin the pattern, you can cut the damaged end off that half of the potato and start again!

Now is the fun part for everyone to do together!

Arrange your paints on a plate and start stamping!



You can make cards, wrapping paper or any other cool art that you are inspired to create! Send us your potato stamp art creation and we'll put it up on our website art gallery!

Noah and Jemima Powell had a fun time helping us with this project and made some awesome wrapping paper and a card each for their Mum!

