

ART · GRADES 3–4

# Make a Print

Four ways to print without a printing press

## Four techniques

<b>1 — Sponge / Stamp printing</b> Cut shapes from kitchen sponges. Dip in tempera paint. Press onto paper. Build up patterns. Best for: Pre-K – Grade 2.	<b>2 — Leaf / Object printing</b> Find leaves with strong veins. Brush a thin layer of paint on the back. Press onto paper, smooth gently. Lift carefully.
<b>3 — Polystyrene printing</b> Press a design firmly into a flat polystyrene tile (a clean takeaway tray works) with a pencil. Roll printing ink across the tile. Press paper onto it.	<b>4 — Monoprinting</b> Roll a thin layer of paint across a smooth tile or plastic sheet. Lay a piece of paper on top. Draw on the BACK of the paper with a pencil. Lift — your line drawing has been transferred.

## Tips for clean prints

Use just a thin layer of paint — too much makes a blob, too little leaves gaps. Always print onto smooth paper (not textured). Have a damp cloth nearby for hands. Wash all stamps / tools before the paint dries.

