

Make a Masterpiece

Subtractive Paint Prints with visual supports

What you need:

- A smooth surface a tray, cookie sheet, place mat, upside-down pie plate, piece of cardboard wrapped in tin foil, or taped-off section of tabletop.
- Paint
- Cotton swabs
- A paint roller a brayer is a special tool meant for printmaking, but you can also use a paint roller or a stiff, foam craft brush
- Sheets of paper copy paper works just fine, but thicker drawing paper is best

1.	Roll a thin, even coat of paint on your surface.
2.	Use a cotton swab to draw a design in the paint. The cotton swab will "erase" the paint as you go.
3.	Lay a sheet of paper on top of your design.

4.	Rub the entire surface of the paper gently and evenly.
5.	Peel off the paper to reveal your print!
6.	 Notice and discuss: Is your print exactly the same as your original design? What do you think caused any differences you see? What would you like to try doing differently for your next print?

More things to try:

- Try making a second print by repeating steps 3-5. What do you notice happens to your design as you create more prints?
- Experiment with using more than one color of paint. What happens to the colors when you make your print?
- Try writing your name or other words in your design and making a print. What happened to the letters? Can you create a print that you can read?
- After you roll an even layer of paint on your surface, you can try adding texture by dabbing it with a balled up piece of fabric or a plastic bag. Then follow steps 2-5 to pull a print. Do you like how the textured background looks on your print?
- What do you think would happen if you draw a design on your paper with marker before you use it to make a print? Can you combine your marker drawing with your print to create one whole picture?