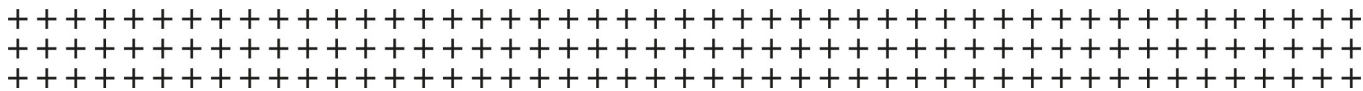


Create#11 // A Tactile Walk by Jacqui Campbell



Learn a simple printing technique to record textures and objects found on a village walk.

You will need

- Ink stamp pads, Bluetac, non air-drying clay OR plasticine; I'll be using Bluetac
- Different types of paper to experiment with



A Tactile Walk

Hi I'm Jacqui. I'm an artist who really enjoys looking closely at things and I'd like to invite you to join me in some 'deep looking', using our sense of touch to connect with our surroundings.

This activity is a simple printing technique that encourages us to take a closer look and record interesting textures we find on our local walks and in our gardens.

Activity

As you walk look out for interesting textures and shapes.

Seed heads, grasses, feathers, bark and shells all work well.

Take 2 pieces of Bluetac, roll them into balls then flatten them slightly; we'll use these to make a 2-colour print.

Choose a texture from your collection and press it firmly into one of the balls. If it's something bulky remove it to leave an impression.

This fennel head is delicate so I'm going to leave it in place.





Put a magazine under your piece of paper; this helps produce a clearer print. Press the Bluetac stamp without the impression into the lighter colour ink pad.

Press the inked stamp onto your paper.

Press over the surface with your fingers to get an even pressure right to the edges.

Remove your stamp.

Ink up the stamp with the impression with a darker colour; black works well for picking out detail.

Wiggle it around to make sure all the nooks and crannies are inked.

Print this over the top of the light coloured prints you have just made.

And there's your first print.

Exploration

Think about how you can experiment with:

- Different textures and objects
- Layering colours
- Layouts
- Variety of paper
- Maybe printing over other patterns and drawings.

What will you do with your prints? They are beautiful tiny artworks in their own right so you might want to frame them or make them into a folded book recording your walks or time spent in the garden.



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