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SOLUTION FINDERS"

PRINTING FOAM

Five Star Printing Foam is an economical, soft surface printing sheet of polystyrene. This is an easy to use print making surface that produces fine detailed lines and patterns that can be reproduced an unlimited number of times. No cutting tools are required making this method an excellent introduction to print making for all age levels.



METHOD

- To produce the design, simply draw onto the foam with a pencil (4B) or ballpoint pen, pressing lines and areas into the sheet.
- Place Five Star Artists Printing Ink on a flat smooth surface (baking tray, lino, formica), roll till it feels tacky.
- Roll the ink onto the surface of the printing foam design.
- Lay your printing paper over the inked surface. Use your hand or a clean roller to burnish the back of the print ensuring even pressure (usually hand pressure is sufficient).
- Peel back the print and allow to dry, (approximately 4 hours).
- Wash the Printing Foam and equipment with water.

Handy Hints

Extra colour can be added to the dry print with felts, crayons or pastels. Use Artists Ink Clear Medium to create light glowing tones for backgrounds.

Five Star Printing Foam can also be used with Five Star Products water based paint products.

Blue tack the Printing Foam to a piece of scrap card to prevent movement.

To print words or numbers

On a piece of thin paper write your words.

Turn the paper over onto the Printing Foam (written side down), then with a ball point pen press the letters on to the Printing Foam. Remove the paper and incise the lines on the Printing Foam a little deeper.



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Printing Foam is economical with a soft surface printing sheet of polystyrene. Printing foam is an easy to use printing block for water based paints, water based printing inks and textile inks. The foam produces fine detailed lines and patterns that can be re-printed an unlimited number of times.

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Create your own GIFT CARDS



You will need:

- Five Star Printing Foam A5
- Five Star Foam Rollers
- Five Star Star Tempera Metallic Paints
- White Card (A4 200-220g)
- Copy Paper (A4)
- HB pencil
- Five Star Creative Paints (optional)

Wrapping Paper can also be made using this technique. Requires an A3 sheet of cartridge paper.

Method - Gift Card:

Step 1:

Fold the white card in half and set aside.

Step 2:

Place the Printing Foam on onto a piece of A4 copy paper and draw around the outside with your pencil – this is so you know how to proportion your design.

Step 3:

Draw your design (for this example Christmas) inside the rectangle on the A4 copy paper. Please note: Words will need to be spelt backwards.

Step 4:

Place your A4 paper on top of the Printing Foam lining up the outside of the rectangle with your edges of the Printing Foam.

Step 5:

Trace over your design with the pencil pressing firmly to score the Printing Foam. Remove the paper. Ensure the indentation is quite deep – you may need go over the indented design lines again with your pencil to score the lines deeper to make a good print.

Step 6:

Pour out a little of 1 colour of Five Star Tempera Metallic paint on a piece of A4 copy paper.



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Step 8:

Place your painted design face down on the front in the centre of the folded card – press firmly all over and lift off.

Step 9:

Pour out a little of the next colour of Five Star Metallic Paint and roll it up with the other Foam Roller.

Step 10:

Roll down the outside edges of the front of the card leaving a gap out from your Christmas print design to form a border/frame.

Step 11:

Once dry, add “effects” with Five Star Creative Paint.



Method - Wrapping Paper:

Step 1:

Roller more paint onto your Printing Foam design then take a sheet of A3 paper and place your painted Printing Foam design face down, press firmly all over and lift off.

Step 2:

Repeat the previous 2 steps forming a pattern by aligning each print to cover the entire A3 page. Set aside to dry.

Step 3:

Once dry, add “effects” with Five Star Creative Paint.



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