

PPLD Young Adult Services Tutorial: Foam Relief Printmaking

Description:

In this video, you will learn how to make prints based on mythological creatures using Styrofoam and acrylic paint!

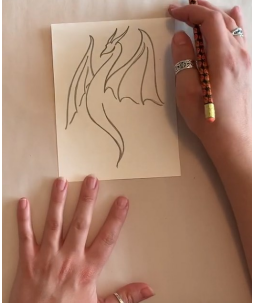


Supplies:

1. 1-2 Styrofoam plates or to-go lids
2. Scissors
3. Computer paper
4. Cardstock or construction paper
5. Acrylic Paint
6. Foam paint roller
7. Newspaper or tablecloth
8. Pencil

Link to Video Tutorial:

<https://youtu.be/rym2uO49QbM>

Instructions:

1. Sketch your drawing on-to a piece of computer paper.
2. Cut out a flat square from your Styrofoam plate or to-go box. It doesn't have to be perfect, just flat.
3. Flip over your original drawing. Cover the back in pencil.
4. Place your drawing on the flat Styrofoam foam plate, right side up. Trace your drawing onto the plate.
5. Remove the drawing. You should see light pencil lines on the Styrofoam.
6. With your pencil, draw your design into the Styrofoam. Draw hard enough to grooves in the Styrofoam, but not so hard that you punch holes through the plate. Note: if you want to draw free-hand, skip steps 1, and 3-5.

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7. Pour a small amount of acrylic paint onto whatever you're using for a palette. Roll your foam roller into the paint and cover the roller completely.



8. Roll your paint-covered roller onto the surface of the printing plate. Make sure not to force paint into the grooves of your drawing. Only cover surface of the plate in paint.



9. Take a piece of thicker paper or whatever paper you want to print on, and place it on a clean spot in your work space.

10. Place your plate on your paper, ink side down. Press the plate into the paper really well, because this will transfer the paint from the plate to the paper.



11. Then pick up the plate, and you're done!

12. To print again, repeat steps 7 through 11 with a new piece of paper every time.

