

Potato-stamp Stationery

Supplies to Gather

3 large baking potatoes

Tempera paints

Saucers (to hold paints)

Paper

Permanent markers

Large knife (for adult use only)

Paper towels

Before beginning, cover your work area with newspaper, change into clothes that are allowed to be dirtied, and ask an adult to supervise this activity.

Instructions

1. Have an adult cut the potatoes in half with a large knife.
2. Draw a simple shape on the raw surface of the potato with a marker.
3. Have an adult cut away the potato around the shape that you have made. The shape should be raised $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the rest of the potato.
4. Pour various colors of tempera paint into saucers.
5. Blot the potato with a paper towel to remove excess moisture.
6. Dip the potato into paint.
7. Press the potato onto paper to create your print. Dip the potato back into the paint before making another print in order to keep the image looking sharp.
8. Allow the paper to dry completely.
9. Use the paper to make greeting cards, stationery, framed art, and more.