

MYM: Monoprinting & More!

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MYM: Monoprinting & More Lesson 1: Make a Template & Play

Monoprinting Definition: The process of making a print using mark making. Monoprinting is a form of printmaking that has lines or images that can only be made once, unlike most printmaking, which allows for multiple originals. There are many techniques of mono-printing, in particular the monotype. [Wikipedia](#)

Slide Show: Famous artists who have used monoprinting and a few modern artists.

Let's begin by learning a new technique, creating a home-made monoprinting template. We are going to explore making monoprints using oil paints and open acrylic paints.

Materials:

- Cardboard-cereal boxes work great
- And/or photo mat 5x7 or 8x10
- Plastic bag
- Tape
- Paper (drawing paper or inexpensive watercolor paper)
- Rag
- Mark Making Materials: stick, pencil, stamps, combs, any textured items
- Oil paint cleaner (turpentine)

Measure your cardboard to whatever size you would like to work. You can even create a square shape if you prefer. Cut the plastic bag to fit over the template. Tape the bag to the edge of the template.

Technique:

1. First cut out a piece of paper and tape it to the back of your template.
2. Apply paint to the inside of the plastic.
3. Rub with a towel to cover the area which will be printed.
4. Bring the plastic down and over the template.

5. Use a mark making device to create lines and textures over the plastic-transferring the marks to the paper.
6. Make sure that you have a stack of papers cut to the size of your template. Include some painted papers as well.

Take time to explore your marks.

Try:

1. Writing words
2. Scribbles
3. Draw repeating lines
4. Big shapes
5. Small shapes
6. Think about creating a landscape with a horizon
7. Try printing onto dry painted paper.
8. Switch your substrate. Try different weights of paper.
9. Add ripped paper as a mask/lift up masks to see the shape
10. Try making at least 3 pieces.

Homework:

Use started pieces and add acrylic paint and medium. (Finish what you started in class and make 3 more)

Add collage. Play and see what you can create. Be inspired by nature, landscapes, trees, leaves, flowers, and bugs.

CHECK OUT:

Dan Tirel on YouTube (Monoprinting Template)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wENSffRvFQk>

How to make a no sew, no glue or tape accordion

book<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jcfY56Dz30>

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlaoaPZSNgM>