

Printing pro



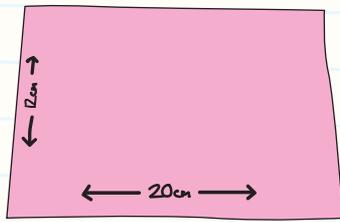
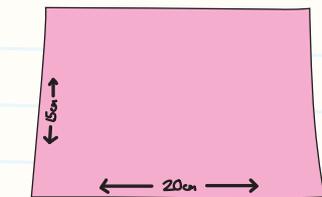
3D craft and design



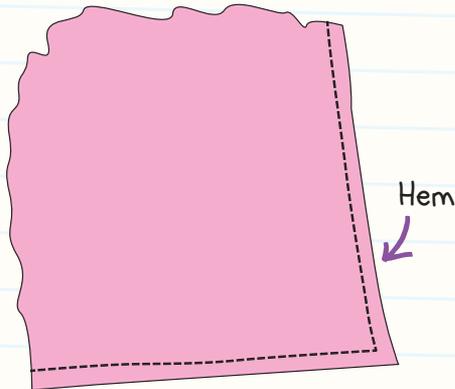
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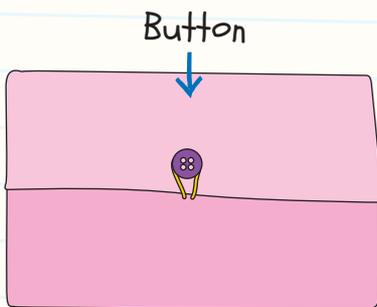
Challenge yourself



Template measurements



Hem



Button

Fold over bag flap



Aim of activity

Become a printing pro by designing your own print. In the design world, printing effects make eye-catching patterns for clothes, accessories and homeware. What will yours look like?

What you'll get out of it

- Combine different craft skills to complete a project.
- Create and use your own printing tools.
- Practise sewing skills.

What you'll need

- White bed sheet
- Large table
- Newspapers
- Paint, several colours
- Paintbrushes
- Paper plates
- Knives
- Potatoes
- String
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Sponge
- Pillowcase/material
- Rulers
- Needle, 1 per girl
- Thread
- Fasteners – for example, buttons
- Felt (optional)
- Glue



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding



Stay safe: Knife safety



- Always direct the knife away from your body when cutting.
- Always use a chopping board.
- Always hold on firmly to what you're cutting.
- Keep your fingers away from the blade.
- If you drop the knife, do not try to catch it. Step back and pick it up once it has landed.

Before you start

- Lay out the bed sheet on a large table with newspaper underneath.
- Place the paint on paper plates.

What to do

1 Find a space around the table. You're going to try out several types of printing, which all create a different effect.

2 Find an area on the sheet and follow the instructions below to learn how to do three different printing techniques to create a unique pattern. Keep going until you're happy with your print.

Printing techniques

Potato printing

Cut a potato in half and carefully carve the shape you want into the base. Dip it in paint and press down evenly to create your print. Why not invert your print, so the opposite parts are dipped in paint?

String printing

Attach string in a pattern to a piece of card using glue. Dip it in paint and press down evenly to create your print.

Stencil printing

Cut a stencil out of card and use a sponge to dab paint over it to create your pattern.

3 Share your prints with everyone and discuss which ones worked the best.

4 Once you're happy with your print design, grab some material. You're going to create your own accessory bag. You can make whatever you want – a wash bag, pencil case or a sanitary bag, for example.

5 Measure out your material to the size you want it to be, remembering to leave enough room for a hem, then cut it out. If you're stuck, use the pattern on the front of this card.

6 Print your chosen pattern on to your material. You can print it once or multiple times – it's up to you!

7 Now, take a needle and thread, and sew a hem round your material to stop it fraying. To make your material thicker, you can also add another layer by sewing in a felt lining on the inside.

8 Sew your accessory together and add a fastening. This could be a toggle, button or even a zip. (Be careful not to smudge your printing while sewing.) Ta-da!

9 Make sure you give your accessory time to dry. Take a look at everyone else's design – have you got a favourite?