CLASSROOM LESSON PLAN

GRADES 1 TO 4

DIY FOAM PRINTING PLATE STAMPS

with Joan Bess



STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO

- design their own foam stamps
- demonstrate the ability to create prints using foam stamps

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

- How can students use foam to create their own stamps to print with?

MATERIALS

- [ ] Gelli Arts® gel printing plate gelliarts.com
- [ ] Brayer gelliarts.com
- [ ] Paper (cardstock, white)
- [ ] Acrylic paint gelliarts.com
- [ ] Invoart presto foam
- [ ] Mark making tool (pencil, pen)

NOTES FOR THIS CLASS

STEP BY STEP

MAKING FOAM PLATES

1. Incise lines into the pieces with your pointed tool



2. Cut or punch some small areas (The design can be simple shapes or as intricate as you want) What you see is what you get, no reversals! You can write words, too!



PRINTING A CARD WITH PLATES

3. Roll a thin layer of acrylic paint onto the Gelli® plate with a brayer
4. Press a texture tool (like bubble wrap) into the paint
5. Cover with your card and pull a print
6. Wipe the plate clean (not essential—but makes a nice clean print)
7. Roll a layer of a contrasting color onto the plate with a brayer
8. Place your foam stamps on the painted plate
9. Cover with thin paper (such as deli paper)—to press the stamps into the paint and remove the paint from the plate around the stamps
10. Remove the cover paper and remove the foam stamps
11. Place your printed card on the Gelli® plate to print a second layer
12. Rub to transfer the paint and pull your print—the second layer on your card





