CLASSROOM LESSON PLAN

GRADES 5 TO 8

GEL PRINTED BADGES

with Lucy Brydon



STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO

- demonstrate the ability to create their own gel printed badges
- illustrate ability to think on a specific size skill

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can you make badges and jewelry out of paper and other art materials?
- What makes something a badge?
- What are the possible end results from making printed badges? What are their uses?

MATERIALS

- [ ] Mini Gelli Arts® gel plate (any size will do, mini ones are good small prints) gelliarts.com
- [ ] Cardstock or paper
- [ ] Acrylic paints (I used DecoArt acrylic but any will do) gelliarts.com
- [ ] Brayer gelliarts.com
- [ ] Leaves or other stencils/textures gelliarts.com
- [ ] Wooden shapes (I got mine on Ebay)
- [ ] Dimensional medium – I used Sepia Accents but you can also use Diamond Glaze)
- [ ] Glue or gel medium
- [ ] Brooch pins
- [ ] E6000 glue

NOTES FOR THIS CLASS

STEP BY STEP

1 Start off with making some prints. I used the hexagon shaped plate, but any will do. I used leaves as that is always my go to for printing, but again, any prints will do, so use your personal preference!

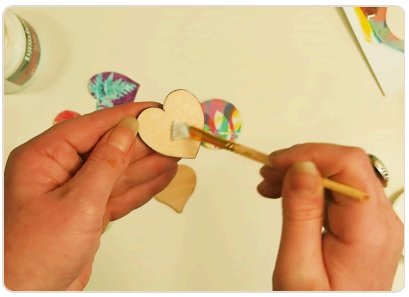


2 I layered up several layers of bright colours using the DecoArt paints.

3 Once your prints are dry, draw around the shapes you are going to use for your badges and cut out the shapes. I used a roll of washi tape just so I could see what the prints would look like when cut out before I committed to cutting them.



4 Using gel medium or pva glue, attach your prints to the wooden shapes. Let them dry completely, then trim them with scissors. You can also use some sandpaper to neaten up the edges.



5 I am using Sepia Accents to add a dimensional shiny surface to my badges, but you can also use Diamond Glaze, or just do a layer of varnish if you do not have those products. If you are adding a dimensional medium, apply it carefully and use a pin to get rid of any air bubbles. Let this layer dry completely! It may take a while so be patient!



6 Finally, once this is dry, attach a brooch pin to the back using some E6000 glue. Let this dry for several hours (12-24) before using.

