

PATTERNED PAPER PLATE

For this lesson, use large paper plates that have not been made from recycled paper. I know we should encourage recycling, however the plates made from recycled paper do not take paint very well.

1. Get some thin masking tape and tear five/six strips approximately 4-6cm long and attach to the plate, making sure the strips are going in all directions. Don't be too fussy about cutting the masking tape with a scissors. Uneven edges at the end of each strip produce nice patterns.
2. Using a sponge, paint over the whole plate, including the attached masking tape strips, in a light colour and allow to dry.
3. Repeat the process four/five times, using lighter colours first, and then darker colours. When attaching new strips of masking tape to the plate each time, try to ensure that a piece of the strip overlaps an existing strip and the rest should touch a part of the original paper plate. (I hope that makes sense!)
4. After the last layer of masking strips/paint are dry, gently remove all of the strips of masking tape to reveal the pattern on the plate. Good fingernails are needed for this part of the lesson! Look closely at the plate and make sure all of the strips are removed as sometimes the layers of paint have obscured the edges of the masking tape strips.
5. Display!

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