

POTATO PRINT SEASCAPE

This is a nice visual arts lesson to do during the summer term. It can be done as a standalone art lesson, or it can be done as part of a "Sea" theme in the classroom.

1. If desired, measure a 2cm border around the outside of an art page. This can be coloured black at the end, or just outlined in black marker.
2. Orient the page to landscape. Paint a blue background on the art paper using a brush or sponge. Try to get the effect of having a darker blue near the bottom for the sea and a lighter blue near the top for the sky. This can be done simply by spreading the paint a little thinner near the top. Alternatively, you could use some white paint to mix a lighter shade of blue for the sky area of the page.
3. Cut some different-sized potatoes into quarters. Dip the potato quarters into different colour paints. Print the potatoes horizontally for the base of the boat and vertically for the sails. Print two sails for each boat, leaving a little space between both. Try to have some boats in the foreground and others in the background.

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4. Print wave effects by zig-zagging a small piece of stiff card and dipping into white paint and printing.
5. The same method is used to print seabirds in the background, using black paint.
6. Potato print a sun in the sky and any other items appropriate to a seascape.
7. Allow the paintings to dry overnight and then display.

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