

Mini Makers

Activity 4: Printing on Fabric

- Fabric paints
- Canvas bag
- Canvas pencil case
- Foam Roller
- Foam Dabber
- Sketchbook or cardboard
- Paper plates
- Tissue Paper
- Moulding tool or teaspoon
- Wipe-clean tablecloth

1. Put your tablecloth down to protect your surfaces
2. First, we're going to take our lighter paint colour and stir. Spoon some paint onto the paper plate. If the paint is a little thick, add some water to thin it down. Mix until smooth. You want to make sure that there's plenty of paint to go on your roller.
3. Test the roller on a piece of paper. You can use your sketchbook from your pack for this. Make sure that your roller is evenly coated with paint and tap off any excess. Roll your roller gently across the paper.
4. Take your sponge dabber and dip it in the paint, use it to print polka dots onto your paper. When you're happy with your prints, you're ready to print on the canvas tote bag.
5. Take your sketchbook or a piece of cardboard and put it inside the tote bag to stop any paint coming through the material and marking the other side of the bag.
6. Take your roller and load it up with paint from the plate. Tap off the excess. Let's get rolling! You can choose where you want to put your patterns with your roller.
7. Add some dots with the dabber, just like you did on the practice paper. Dip the sponge into the paint and then press it firmly onto the canvas bag.
8. Sticking with the same colour, decorate your pencil case to match using the same techniques, putting a sketch pad inside the pencil case so that the paint doesn't seep through.
9. Now it's time to change colour, give your sponge a rinse in water, squeeze and then dry it on some tissue paper.
10. Take the darker paint and put it on the plate. Dip in the dabber, remember to remove the excess paint before you print onto the pencil case. The paint can be really thick and gloopy and could make a mess. That's your pencil case done!
11. Use the darker paint on the canvas bag. You can just have spots or you can use the roller again.
12. Once the paint is dry, ask a grown up to iron on the back of the fabric to fix the pattern.
13. If you're feeling adventurous, you can also try using some different objects for printing. Remember your glue stick out of your first craft pack? You can use the base of this to create some really lovely ring patterns.
14. When you've finished printing, remember to wash the paint off your sponges, rollers and tools so that you can use them again.
15. **Use your printed canvas bag and matching pencil case to store all or your craft kit from the past few weeks.**