

## Desktop Printing

Age 4-7 Group size: 2 per small table

Duration: 15 mins



Preparation time 10-15 mins

### Resources

- Laminated tables
- Aprons
- Rubber inking rollers
- Coloured paint
- Mark making tools eg. Spoons, cotton reels, string, maths cubes
- Sheets of thick cartridge paper
- Drier or washing line

This activity is useful as part of a carousel rather than a stand alone. Pour paint thinly onto the table, one colour only is more economical but you can have different coloured tables with different sets of mark making tools to offer a sensory and visual variety. Roll the paint to make a smooth surface.

Children make patterns in the paint, then capture the image by pressing a piece of cartridge paper over it. Prepare the table for the next child by rolling it smooth again.

Adult supervision – model if necessary to show how tools can be used in different ways to get different effects.

Encourage printing in different directions, develop language and observe effects.



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When printing the pattern use a clean roller and carefully roll the back of the cartridge paper firmly onto the table, then peel the paper off and leave to dry.

- Further ideas – these lend themselves well to display linked to colour and materials.

Golden Time

