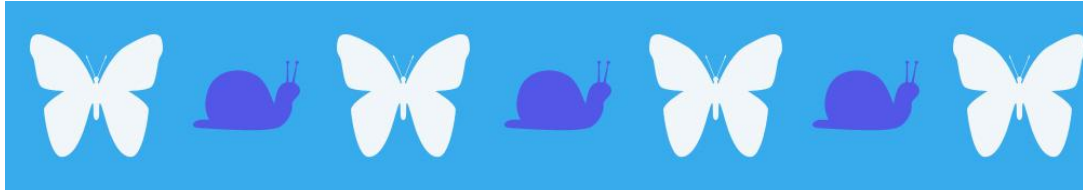


How to make Spongeware



Things You will Need:

Mug or paper plate
Acrylic paints
Household sponges
Paper towels
Paint tray
card or stencil pattern
pencil
scissors
tape

1. Have a think about what you would like to design, something simple is best.
2. You can create a stencil by cutting out the shape you want to print from a piece of card.
3. Get a piece of sponge, the stiffer the better.
4. Hold your stencil over the mug/plate; you could hold this in place with masking tape.
5. Then simply dip your sponge into the paint, making sure you dab any excess paint onto a towel, and dab the sponge where the stencil meets the mug.
6. When you remove the stencil your pattern will be revealed.
7. Once you are used to working with the sponge you could also try doing some designs freehand, without the stencils, or shaping the sponge to match your design.

(please note this technique is only for decorative purposes, the paint will wash off)

To send us a picture of your spongeware either attach it to an e-mail and send to katie.shipley@stoke.gov.uk. Or send us a printed version to Katie Shipley, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Bethesda Street, Cultural Quarter, Stoke on Trent, ST1 3DW. Please include a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your photo.