

"PRINTED" OCEAN SCENES

**First Impressions Can Really Matter!
(So Can First, Second, Third, Fourth...)**

Materials:

Recycled Styrofoam (a plate, a food container, etc.)
1 Dull Pencil (or paint brush with a thin handle)
1 Pair of Scissors
Washable Markers - Multiple Colors
1 Sheet of White Paper
Water in a Spray Bottle (or damp paper towel)

Directions:

First, shape your styrofoam.

1. Cut the styrofoam into a small, flat shape with sides 3" to 4". It can be a square, a triangle, a circle or anything else as long as it is completely flat.

Next, create your picture.

2. Think of an ocean scene that you would like to draw. This can be a fish swimming or an octopus with eight legs waving or anything else that you choose.
3. Now draw the picture on your styrofoam using a dull pencil or the back of the paint brush. Remember, drawing on styrofoam is different from drawing on regular paper. ..

Because...on styrofoam, if you press down very lightly with your pencil you will draw a regular picture. But, if you press down hard your pencil will sink down. When you press down hard, you will still draw the picture but your pencil lines will be down in the styrofoam. These are called impressions and the process is similar to a printing process called etching. For this project "etching" is the way to draw your picture.

4. After etching your picture, use different color washable markers to color the surface. It's okay if color goes into the impressions.

Then, prepare your paper.

5. Place a sheet of white paper flat on a table.
6. Spray the paper (NOT the styrofoam!) with just enough water to make it slightly damp. (You can instead place a wet paper towel on your paper for a few seconds.)

Finally, put it all together!

7. Place your styrofoam, colored side down, on the damp paper.
8. With one hand, hold the edges of your styrofoam to keep it from moving. With your other hand use the handle of your scissors to rub the back of the styrofoam.
9. Carefully lift up the styrofoam shape to see your print.
10. Color your styrofoam shape again. You can use the same colors or different colors. Make another print on the same page by repeating steps 6 - 9. You might have to wet the paper (Not the styrofoam!) again. Admire your print!

Now's Your Chance to Write:

11. Turn your page over and use the back to write on or use your page as the cover and attach a piece of paper to use for writing.

12. What should you write?

- You can write a story about what you see when you look at your print. For example, if your print has lots of fish you can write about how a fish spends the day living in the ocean or how a fish would spend the day living in outer space.
- You can write about how your print makes you feel when you look at it. For example, if your print has a sun or looks like the sun is shining, you could write about a sunny day and what you like to do on sunny days.
- You could tell how you made your print.
- You can turn on your imagination and tell any story or write about anything else!
- And have fun doing this!

