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At the top of the You will need boxes for each project you will find this handy key. It will tell you the difficulty level to expect from each project:

Quick creative fix - These projects are quick, easy and perfect for a beginner.

Sharpen your skills - Confident with your beginner skills? Move onto these slightly tougher projects.

Ready for a challenge - for a challenging project you can really get stuck into.

Creative masterpiece - Think you can tackle the toughest textile projects? Have a go at these.

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Note to Adults:
Some children might be able to do some or all of these projects on their own, while others might need more help. These projects are things that you can do together, not only to avoid any problems or accidents, but also to share in the art-making fun. Adults can have just as much fun learning these techniques and making these projects as kids.



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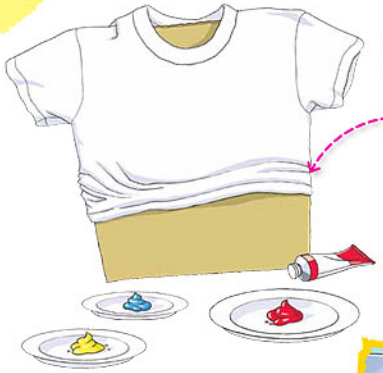
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PRINTED PET T-SHIRT

You can liven up plain T-shirts with this easy printing method.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Cardboard or folded newspapers
- T-shirt, washed
- Fabric paints, in various colours
- Flat paint palette
- Sponge brush
- Small paint brush

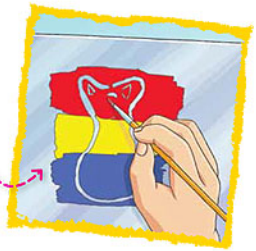


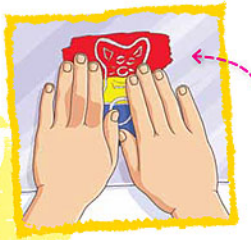
1 Insert a piece of cardboard or folded newspapers inside the T-shirt. This will stop the paint soaking through to the back. Make sure the shirt is smooth and not wrinkled.

2 Squeeze some paint onto your paint palette, then use a sponge brush to spread it into a thin layer. Use several colors for a more vibrant design.



3 Draw a picture of your pet, or a favourite animal, into the paint with a paintbrush. Everything will print backwards, so if you paint any writing, be sure to paint it backwards.





4 Carefully place the painted side of the paint palette on the t-shirt where you want the design to print. Press down on the palette to be sure the whole picture prints.

5 Carefully take the paint palette off of the t-shirt and let the t-shirt dry. Heat-set the paint according to the directions on the bottle.





Practice your design on paper first to get the best outcome!

PICTURE PERFECT

Decorate a picture frame with stamps you can make and change yourself!

YOU WILL NEED:

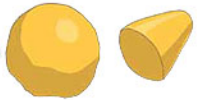
- Poster paints, in various colours
- Plastic cup
- Unvarnished wooden picture frame with backing and glass removed
- Paint brush or sponge brush
- Modeling clay
- Sharp pencil and items to make texture
- Thin sponge (see page xx)

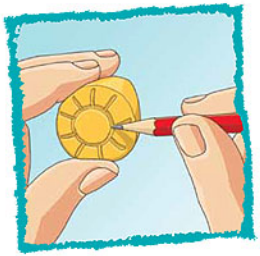


1 Pour a small amount of light colored paint into the plastic cup. Paint the front and sides of the frame with the paint. Let it dry.



2 Roll a small piece of modelling clay into a short log shape. Pinch one end to make a small handle and flatten the other end for the stamp.





3 Use a pencil to draw a design into the flat part of the stamp. You could also make a texture by pressing different items onto, such as a straw or the sole of a shoe.



4 Squeeze a small amount of paint onto the sponge. Use your fingers to spread it around. Press the stamp onto the paint on the sponge, then stamp onto the frame. Repeat to create whatever pattern you like.



5 When the frame is dry, make another modelling clay stamp and stamp the frame using a different colour.



COOL KID SHOES

Impress everyone with these arty shoes that you painted yourself.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Newspapers
- White canvas shoes
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- Acrylic paints, in various colours
- Plastic cups
- Large paint brush
- Star and circle stickers
- Fabric pens, optional

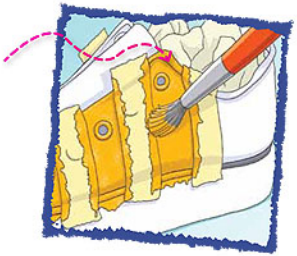


1 Stuff the shoes with folded newspapers so they hold their shape. Cut the masking tape to make a stripy pattern on the shoes.

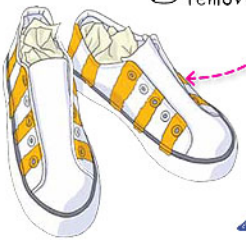


2 Squeeze a small amount of paint into a plastic cup. Dip the paint brush into the paint, then tap the brush inbetween the masking tape stripes to colour in the space.





3 After the paint is dry, remove the masking tape.





4 Place the stickers onto the shoes. Using a different paint colour, tap the paint brush around the edges of the stickers.



5 When the paint is dry, remove the stickers. Add some decoration with fabric markers, if you'd like.

