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Activities at Home

Let's try out monotype print making!

What are monotype prints? According the museum of modern art Monotype prints are "A unique print, typically painterly in effect, made by applying paint or printing ink to a flat sheet of metal, glass, or plastic. The painted image is transferred to paper either by manually rubbing or using a press"

One of the easiest ways to create a monotype print is to use a gelatin plate. The gelatin allows you to layer items like leaves and flowers and create amazing prints. Follow the tutorial in the link below to make your own gelatin plate:

-   https://artfulparent.com/gelatin-printmaking-for-kids/

www.jacksonsart.com

Once your plate is ready, follow these steps to make your one-of-a-kind prints:

1. Arrange your leaves and flowers onto the gelatin base.
2. Use a brush or roller to add paint to the base. Try blending and mixing the colors.
3. Press a piece of paper over the leave and flowers. Use something solid and heavy to press down on the print. You want to pick up as much paint from the gelatin base as possible.
4. Pull the paper up and see how awesome your print looks!
5. When your paper dries you can repeat the whole process again to layer colors and textures on your print!

https://srisa.org/academics/course-catalog/monotype-printmaking/