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SATURDAY ART CLUB AT HOME

POTATO PRINT CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER

Hello!
Welcome back to the Saturday Art Club :)

This week we are continuing our festive theme and creating our own wrapping paper!

For this activity, children should work with an adult to do the cutting and carving of the potatoes.

You'll need:
one or more potatoes (depending on how many prints you'd like to make), a small kitchen knife (to be used by adults only), paint, cardboard, large sheets of paper to print on (we used newsprint for ours).

1. ADULTS only: Start by cutting your potato in half. Decide what shape you'd like to print and carve it into the potato. Cut a good amount of the potato away from your shape so that it stands out clearly from the rest of the potato. Simple shapes work best! We decided to carve a heart, stripes, a 'X' kiss and a spot.

2. Prepare your paint - we used acrylic but you could use poster paint also. Use a bit of cardboard as your palette - spread a good splodge of your paint out with a brush and either paint directly on to your prepared potato or push it into the paint to ensure it gets a good covering.

A good tip is to make sure that your potato is not too moist before adding the paint - just wipe the part that you have cut with a bit of kitchen roll before you add the paint.

3. Lay out your paper for printing. Make sure you have somewhere to dry your paper once you have printed it (we used a clothes drying frame). Now just use your potato as a stamp on the paper and create your designs! Add more paint when necessary. Try mixing up your different 'stamps' so that you have a variety of designs to choose from. We also created little gift tags with our stamps to add once our gifts are wrapped.

Once dry, you are ready to wrap your gifts!

We would love to see what you make, share your work on social media and tag @platformglasgow and use the hashtags #satartclub #creativitymatters and #artistsudio if you can! Or email photos to info@platform-online.co.uk with a note of your name, age and if you are happy for us to share with our followers.

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