

**Monday Makes: Stamp It**

For ages 5+

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**ART  
WEEK**

For this week's make we're taking inspiration from nature to make a stamp kit. There are two options of how to make your kit: one that uses recycled materials and involves waiting for glue to dry, and one that uses sponges and allows you to get stamping straight away. Try one or have a go at both!

**See:** What recycled material you have at home that can make different textures. Sponges, string, corks and card are all work well.

**Think:** About shapes you can see in nature. Look at different leaves and plants. Sketch out some simple shapes and patterns that you find.

**Make:** A stamp kit that you can use again and again to create artwork with different patterns and textures.

**Do:** Share your stamp artwork with us using #DCAmakes. You could also send us some of your prints and we'll share them with older people in Wellbeing Packs. Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/2ZiuEtc>

## Stamp It

### Step-by-step

#### Option 1

##### What you'll need:

- Thick cardboard
- Recycled card
- PVA glue (No glue? Make some at home: [wikihow.com/Make-Glue](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Glue))
- Glue spreader / old paintbrush
- Recycled materials (sponges, packaging, corks, string)
- Scissors
- Ink or paint
- Roller or paintbrush
- Paper



#### Option 2

##### What you'll need:

- Sponge / sponge clothes
- Scissors
- Ink or paint
- Roller or paintbrush
- Paper

We have a video tutorial to help you with this make: <https://youtu.be/mmXLidCAE8E>



Watch along or follow the step-by-step instructions below.

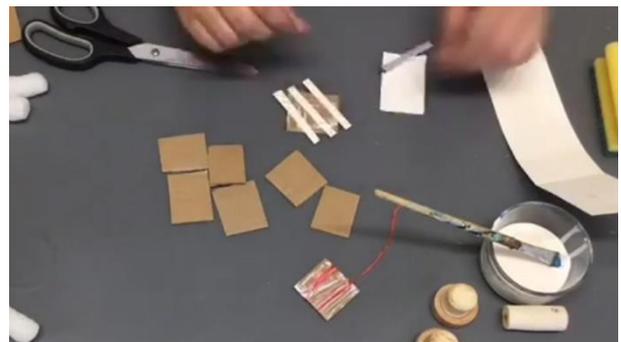
## Option 1

### Step 1



Cut up the thick cardboard into small squares and rectangles.

### Step 2



Add patterns and textures by gluing recycled materials to the card:

- Tie string around the cardboard and glue into place.
- Cut up recycled card and glue down in different patterns.
- Cut up small pieces of sponge and stick down.

Cover with additional layer of PVA glue and leave to dry overnight.

**Step 3**

Once the PVA glue is dry, cut off excess cardboard and string.  
Optional: Add an extra layer of PVA glue to make the stamps sturdier. Leave to dry for 24 hours.

**Step 4**

Have a piece of paper ready and gather your stamps. Use ink and a roller or paint and a paintbrush to add the ink or paint to the stamp and then press the stamp down onto the paper. Repeat to create a pattern.

## Step 5



Play and experiment with creating different patterns and using different colours to create different artworks.

## Step 6



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**Option 2****Step 1**

This option doesn't use PVA glue so there's no waiting for it to dry. Cut the sponges and sponge clothes into shapes inspired by nature.

**Step 2**

Spread out paint or ink. Use a paintbrush to apply the paint or ink to the sponge shapes. Alternatively, press the sponge down into the paint or ink. Press the sponge shapes onto the paper to print. Try out different colours and compositions.

## Step 3



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