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## Easy Crafts For Kids - Project 8 How To Make Potato Stamps & How To Create Potato Prints

In Easy crafts for Kids 8 we show you step-by-step how you can create great looking prints with stamps made from potatoes - 4 very easy steps is all it takes! We also showcase a selection of truly impressive potato prints for you to try once you have gained some confidence with this craft.



The picture above was created with one very simple flower motif that was turned in different directions and printed in different colors over a complimenting solid color inlay - stunning isn't it? This technique can be used on fabrics as well.

### YOU WILL NEED:

Paper or fabric, a few potatoes, metal cookie cutters, craft knife, normal kitchen knife, sponge cloth or roller, acrylic or fabric paint.

### OPTIONAL ITEMS:

A creative mind, patience and a steady hand for carving.

If you are too young to handle a craft knife or a kitchen knife, ask someone older to cut the patterns into the potato for you.

### OTHER IDEAS:

Use this technique to make Valentine's, Birthday, Christmas, Mother's or Father's Day cards and gift wrapping paper!

Once confident with this technique, print a T-shirt or table cloth with beautiful patterns on!

See: [Textured Paper](#) for more 'Easy Crafts for Kids' ideas if you are working on paper.

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1. Cut a large potato in half. Press the cookie cutter into the centre of the potato. Then, leaving the cookie cutter in the potato, slice a rather thick slice around the pattern of the cookie cutter. Remove the outer layer of potato and then the cookie cutter from the shape.
2. Apply paint to the pattern. This can be done with a paintbrush, small paint roller for more even distribution or by following the technique with a kitchen sponge shown in [Eraser Printing](#).
3. Use a separate potato stamp for each color, unless you want the colors to mix.
4. Keep a scrap piece of paper on the side to test your print on and to remove excess paint if applied with a brush. Simply press your potato stamp down on the paper you want to decorate. A few prints and you will know exactly how hard to press to get the effect you desire.

Draw some pattern inspiration from these two pages:

[Patterns & Shapes](#)

[Geometric Shapes to Print](#)

**BELOW ARE A FEW MORE IDEAS TO TRY**



A simple oval shape is used, cut a few thin v-grooves into the oval shape to resemble the texture of a leaf and you are ready to build a stamped tree with different shades of green and yellow leaves. You can paint the trunk of the tree.

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Make some gift wrapping paper for Birthdays, Christmas and other special occasions using these very simple shapes and turn ordinary paper into beautifully decorated paper. Also see [THIS SPECIAL PAGE](#) at filled with ideas for printing patterns.



Once you have mastered this technique on paper, why not try fabrics? Start with a cheap plain T-Shirt or simply a piece of plain cloth. The dress in the centre was decorated only using a triangle! Plain skirts and pants instantly receive a whole new dimension with a few strategically placed prints.



The samples of material above are from [Kudhinda Fabrics](#) these fabrics are all printed with potatoes. One meter of fabric can have up to 900 potato prints on! Exquisitely beautiful creations. Each day in this factory starts with making fresh potato stamps to ensure the best quality prints. An amazing website to visit if you like potato printing!

#### **MORE PRINTING AND STAMPING**

If you enjoyed 'Potato Prints' you may like [Eraser Printing!](#)  
You can easily combine these methods of printing for stunning results!

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