

HOW TO MAKE A PAINTED PLATE

NB – this activity cannot be completed in one session as the clay plate needs to dry before painting.

You will need:

- Circles (15 cm diameter) of cartridge paper, pictures of some patterns you like and pencils or crayons to create your design.
- Air dry clay (white), rollers and boards and a knife or clay cutting tool.
- Acrylic paint, paintbrushes and pots
- Aprons and a table cover (as acrylic paint can stain clothes)



What you do:

1. Draw a design on a circle of art paper (15cm diameter) and colour in, using the pictures of patterns for inspiration.

2. Take a slice of air-dry clay (about 3 cm) off the clay block and mould and warm it by rolling in your hands.



3. Put your clay on a rolling board and use the rollers to roll your clay like pastry until it is a little under 1cm thick.



4. Using your paper plate as a template, cut a circle out of the clay. Leave it to dry – preferably overnight.

5. Using the acrylic paints, carefully copy your design from your paper plate. Acrylic paint gives strong colour but does stain, so it is best to wear aprons and cover your table.



6. Leave to dry.

