

Lesson #31 SPONGE BUG PRINTS

Grade level: K-3

Description/ Objective

This simple printing project can be made by using ordinary objects found around the house. Students use paint and sponges to create bug shapes then use various materials to resemble a bug. Students learn textures and how to layer shapes and colors. Students use their imaginations to create an atmosphere appropriate for a bug.

Materials

White paper- construction or drawing

Sponge, cut into shape of beetle, bug or caterpillar

Items that can be used to make an imprint: smooth pieces of wood, an eraser, keys, spindles, plastic lids, rubber bands, Q-tips, corks, lace, cotton, pinecones, flat rocks, leaves, etc...use your imagination.

Tempera paint (poster paint) several bright colors

Paper plates

Procedure

1. Cover table with newspaper or plastic, printing can get messy.
2. Pour a small amount of paint in each plate.
3. Use bug shaped sponge by dipping one side into paint, making an imprint of bug body in the middle of your paper. Try a practice print on the newspaper so you can get a feel for the amount of paint to use.
4. While drying a bit add legs, mandibles, antenna, bug eyes, maybe even a stinger.
5. Next add more prints with more colors to the body of your bug using some interesting items found. Try more than one color, try layering colors, experiment with the shapes and textures of your found objects.
6. Finally use leaves, lace, rocks and other textural print items to produce a fantastic surrounding for your bug.