



Gelatin Printing

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What you'll need:

- ❑ 8 packets of Knox Gelatin
- ❑ A pan
- ❑ Paper
- ❑ Paint or ink (acrylic works great!)
- ❑ Brushes or Q-tips
- ❑ Brayers (optional)
- ❑ Stencils and textures ((ex: leaves, bubble wrap, paper stencils, string, etc.) also optional!)

Step 1



To prepare your sheet of gelatin, bring 4 cups of water to a boil. In a separate cup, whisk 8 packets of gelatine powder with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of cold water until combined. Add gelatine mixture to boiling water. Take off from heat, and whisk until the gelatin dissolves. Pour out the mixture into a square or rectangular pan. Let it set for several hours. Since the gelatin is highly concentrated, it does not need to be refrigerated!

Step 2



Prepare your printing station. If using acrylic paint, keep wipes or water and paper towels nearby to clean your tools after use. For easy clean up, lay out newspaper.



Once you're set up, begin by adding your favorite colors on your gelatin plate!

Step 3

TIPS!

You don't need to use too much paint or ink!

Step 4



If you are using a brayer, roll out the paint on your sheet. Be careful not to over-mix if you want to keep your original colors. If you do not have a brayer at home, you can spread the paint with a brush.

Step 5



Make your design!

Using a brush, Q-tips, or any tool with a soft tip you can find, draw out your design into the paint. You can also use any 2D material with an interesting shape as a stencil (I used leaves!). If you would like to add texture, you can stamp the paint with bubble wrap or use a crinkled plastic bag. There are a lot of opportunities for experimentation!

Step 6



Place your paper on top of your painting. Gently press down (you don't need to press hard since the gelatin does most of the work for you!). Carefully peel back the paper.

Step 7 (optional)



Once you've made your first print, you can repeat the process and add more layers of color!



Congrats!



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