Potato Print Wrapping Paper

Make your present even more personal with this home-printed paper

You will need: A roll of brown (recycled) paper,

A small sharp knife

A medium sized potato (an older, somewhat wrinkly one will do)

A couple of old cleaning sponges

A few colours of water-based craft paint

Method: Prepare your work surface by covering it with old newspapers or a wipeable sheet.

Cut some large pieces of paper off the roll or decorate the whole roll one area at a time, depending on the size of the presents you expect to wrap.

Cut the potato in half and carefully cut an outline for a star or other simple shape into the surface. Cut away the unwanted bits around the edges, about 3mm deep.

Spread some paint across the surface of a sponge and gently press the potato shape in it. Then press a shape onto the paper and repeat, printing all shapes in one colour. Remember to leave spaces to add other prints in between. Use a different colour paint on the second sponge and repeat the process with the second potato piece, to fill in the gaps.

You can wash the potato pieces and sponges and re-use them again for printing a different design or colour scheme afterwards.

Leave paper to dry thoroughly, then use to wrap a present and finish off by decorating with remnants of ribbon or coloured wool.

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