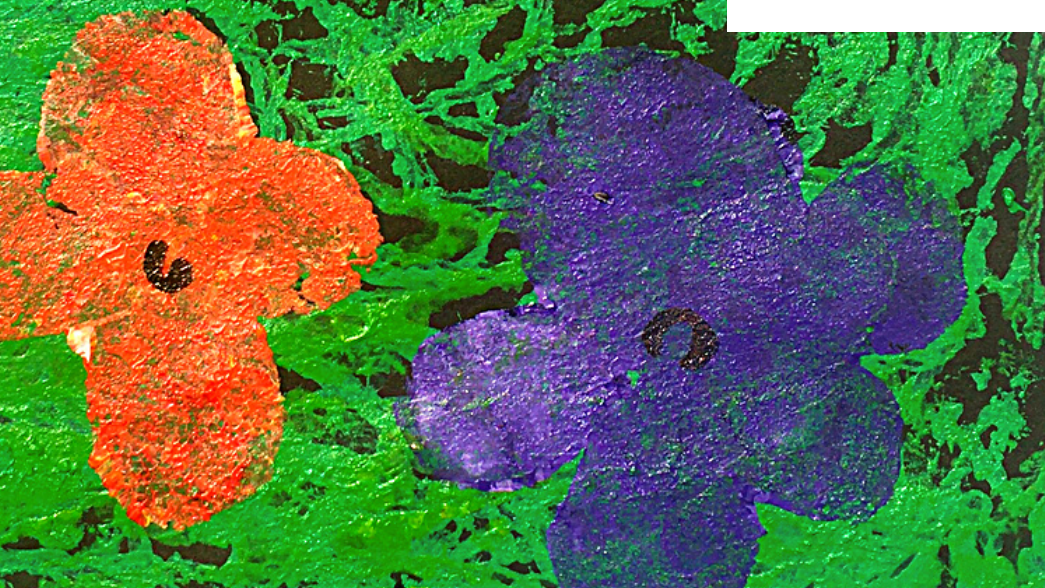




ANDY WARHOL INSPIRED
**FLOWER PRINT POP
ART!**

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Andy Warhol

WHO WAS HE?

Andy Warhol was part of the pop art movement. He was born Andrew Warhola in 1928 in Pennsylvania. His parents were from a part of Europe that is now part of Slovakia. They moved to New York in the 1920s. His first job was illustrating adverts in fashion magazines. Now is he known as one of the most influential artists who ever lived!



WHAT IS HE FAMOUS FOR?

He is famous for exploring popular culture in his work. Popular culture is anything from Coca Cola to pop stars to the clothes people like to wear. He made a print of Campbell's Soup - a popular brand of soup in the United States. He said he ate Campbell's tomato soup every day for lunch for 20 years!

WHAT TYPE OF ART DID HE MAKE?

Warhol liked to use bright colours and silk screening techniques. He liked using screen printing to mass-produce artworks based on photographs of celebrities. He didn't just do prints though, he made films, digital artwork, installations, paintings and sculptures.



WHAT IS SILK SCREEN PRINTING?

Warhol liked making prints because it meant he could create multiples of the same image. Screen-printing is a printing process that can create lots of artworks that look the same. Sometimes Warhol would switch colors around and present a group of prints with contrasting colors together.



YOU WILL NEED

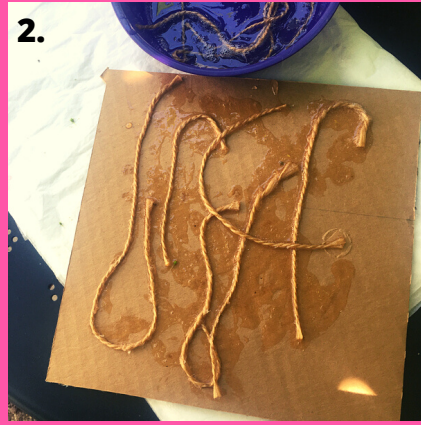
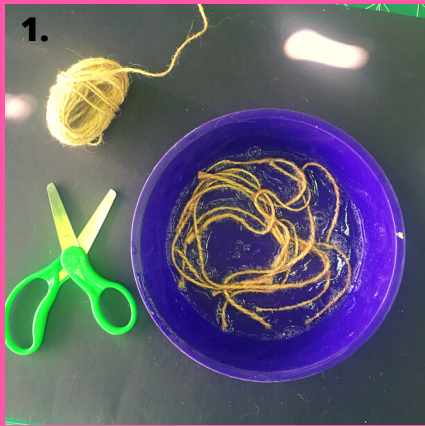
- A square piece of cardboard approx 5 inches x 5 inches
- Parcel or kitchen string
- A piece of black card or paper 8.5 x 11 or 11x17
- X4 pieces of white paper or card 8.5x11 or 11x17
- Scissors
- 1/4 cup of Elmers glue and 1/4 cup of water mixed together in a bowl
- A spongy dish cloth or craft foam
- A large paint brush
- A black marker
- Green and yellow paint
- Your choice of three other colors of paint for the flowers.
- White acrylic/poster/tempura paint
- Pot of water to clean brush
- Paper towel to dry brushes
- Apron
- Protective cover for the surface you're working on
- Glue stick

Now put on your apron, cover the table and....

LETS GET STARTED!



First: How to make a grassy print block and background!



1. Cut about 20 pieces of string. Make some as long as your finger, some twice as long, and some as long as your pinky! Put them all in the bowl of watery glue and make sure they get completely covered in goo!
2. Place the gluey pieces of string on top of your cardboard square. Remember, this will be the grassy background of your print so it's ok for some of the pieces to overlap. Grass is untidy sometimes!
3. Make sure all of the strings are well glued to the cardboard and not sticking up anywhere. Leave your grassy printing block to dry in the sun. It will probably need overnight to dry properly.
4. When your printing block is dry, cover the entire surface with green paint. If your paint is thick, add some water to it. Make sure you do a good job of painting the string and cardboard background!



5. Place the painted green side face down on top of your black paper. Press all over the back of the cardboard with the palm of your hand! Lift up to see your first ever grass print!
6. Keep adding more paint to the block and making more prints and layering them on top of one another until you think your page looks grassy enough, don't forget to cover the whole page.
7. If you like, add some yellow to your green paint, and make some more prints to give your grassy background a variety of green shades! When you're done, leave in the sun to dry.

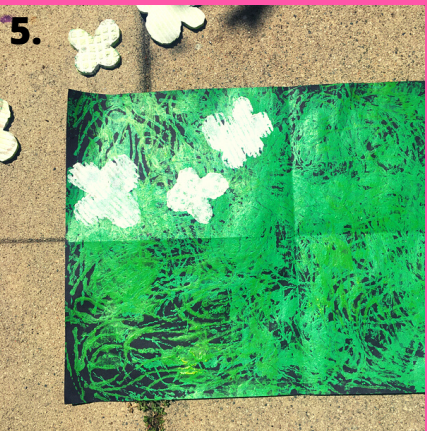
Next: How to make flower prints!



1. While your background is drying, take your craft foam or kitchen cloth and with your marker, draw 2 or three different flower shapes. They can be different sizes, and have different numbers of petals! Next, cut them out.

2. When your background is completely dry, fold it in half, and then half again, so you have four different sections to print flowers in.

3. Using a clean paint brush, paint one side of one of your foam flower shapes whichever color you like. I chose white!



5. Lift off the foam flowers to see what the print you made looks like! Which other colors do you think will look good together in the other 3 sections?

6. Before applying a different color paint to your foam flowers, wash the old color off by dunking them in water. Give them a good squeeze, and pat them dry with paper towel before using them on your art work. Use a clean brush, too! Some paints are thin and need a bit of white paint mixing into help it stand out on top of black paper. To see how yours looks, test it out by putting a tiny dot of paint either on the back, or in the corner of your page. If you can't really see it, add some white!

7. Fill each section with 3, 4 or 5 flowers.

8. when you're done, leave your print to dry in the sunshine- your masterpiece is nearly finished!

Time for the finishing touches!



Using your black marker make some half circles in the centre of your flowers!
If you like your art work as one big piece, then stop here! But if you want to make a selection of similar images like Andy Warhol did, then using the fold lines as a guide, carefully cut your art work in half, and then half again!
When you've done that, figure out how many you want on your white pieces of paper. Mine were quite big, I could fit just one on each page. Arrange them how you like.

That's it! You did it! You made beautiful Pop art flower prints! The great thing about this print making project, is that you can use the foam flowers and cardboard grass printing block as many times as you like to make more flower art, just like Andy Warhol did!

