

# Express Myself UMA

## Printing Pro



Become a printing pro by designing your own print. In the design world, printing effects make eye-catching patterns for clothes, accessories and homeware.

You may need depending on your print:

White bed sheet	Paintbrushes	Cardboard	Rulers
Large table	Paper plates	Scissors	Needle and thread
Newspapers	Knives	Sponge	Fasteners – buttons etc
Paint, several colours	Potatoes	Pillowcase/material	Glue

Before you start protect your surfaces, layout the white bed sheet on table with newspaper underneath.

You are going to try out three different printing techniques to create a unique pattern. Keep going with your printing until you are happy with the pattern.

Which printing technique worked the best? Or gave you the best pattern?

Now your happy with your print design time to make your own accessory bag, you can make whatever you want - eg, a wash bag, pencil case or a sanitary bag.

Measure out your material to the size you need, remember to leave enough room for a hem, then cut it out. If stuck use a piece of material 20cm x 27cm.

Print your chosen design onto your material, are you going to only print once or could you print multiple times using a different colour each time?

Once your design has dried take your needle and thread and sew a hem round your material to prevent it from fraying. To make your material thicker you could add a lining to the inside.

Sew your accessory together and add a fastening. Ta-da all done and ready to use or gift as a present.

### Printing techniques

**Potato printing:** cut a potato in half and carefully carve the shape you want into the base. Dip it in paint and press down evenly to create your print. Why not invert your print, so the opposite parts are dipped in paint?

**String printing:** attach string in a pattern to a piece of card using glue. Dip it in paint and press down evenly to create your print.

**Stencil printing:** cut a stencil out of card and use a sponge to dab paint over it to create your pattern.

## Skills for my future - Interest badge

Entrepreneur - Part 2

Pitch your own business



Get your brain into gear and come up with a brilliant business idea!

Are there any gaps in the market for a product or service? Do you have an idea that would stand out from the crowd? Think about things that you'd use, or do something that represents you or a group you identify with.

Put your idea together and pitch it to a friend, family member or unit member, and ask your audience for their feedback so you can review it and evaluate your idea.

