

Exploring the Gelatin Plate

Unravel the beauty of creating monotype/monoprints at home without a press, using only a gelatin plate. Watch how to make fine art quality prints while exploring techniques and experimenting with various materials and textures. The creative options are endless!



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Gel printmaking plate (Gelli Arts/Speedball plate or make your own gelatin plate): 8"x10" or 9"x12"
- Akua Intaglio ink 2-oz jars: Red, yellow, blue, white, black, or own choice of colors
- 3" or 4" Speedball soft ink brayers (rollers). *Optional: 2" for small areas*
- 9"x12" ink palette: Sheet of glass, plexiglass, or clear plastic film
- Rice paper (Sumi-E sketch paper pad 9"x12", 48 sheets). *Optional: Stonehenge sheets or pad*
- Spray water bottle (add dish soap and water)
- Plastic spoons or palette knives for inks
- Scissors
- Mark-making objects: Thin, sturdy plant materials (leaves); stamps; templates; bubble wrap; thread; string; ribbon; lace; embossed cardboard; mesh fruit bags; cheese cloth; doilies; rubber bands; Q-tips; bristle/synthetic brushes; make-up sponge applicators; and other textured materials
- *Optional: Pattern/textured rubbing plastic plates*
- Soap, water, wipes, and paper towels or rags
- Printer paper or scrap paper

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