

mixed media made easy

It's time to mix it up, friends! Let's explore the world of monoprinting. BY VICKI BOUTIN

This year, I want to switch my column up a bit and head in a more artful direction.

Mixing mediums and combining techniques in all of my paper crafting pursuits is a huge passion of mine. At first glance, such techniques may appear complicated. They aren't! I will show you how approachable such art is. More importantly, you'll see how fun it is to get your hands dirty. Join me as we tap into our inner artists!

ABOUT MONOPRINTING

This technique is inspired by print making. Monoprint literally means "one print." It's an exciting way to make an entire printed background using a single colour application. And it's easy! Simply add paint to a sheet of plastic, create a pattern, and make a print. Even a novice painter can create splendid patterns.



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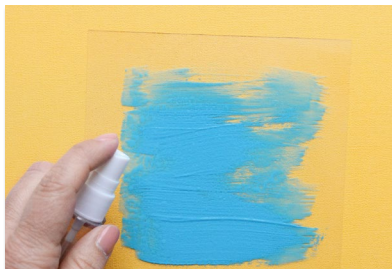
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TECHNIQUE TIP: Have fun playing with different patterns. In my example, I went with a brushed paint look. You could also create a circle (or circles), a heart, diagonal lines... there are so many possibilities. It all depends on how you apply your paint to the plastic.

STEP-BY-STEP



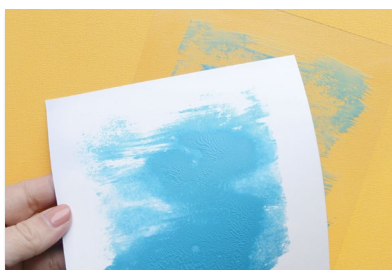
1 Add acrylic paint to a sheet of plastic in a desired pattern.



2 Mist paint with water. **NOTE:** Don't oversaturate or paint will get too runny.



3 Immediately place thick cardstock on painted layer and rub to transfer image.



4 Separate cardstock from plastic and set it aside to dry.

TECHNIQUE: TWO-TONE PRINTING

Now that you've mastered a single colour application, give the same technique a try using two shades of paint. The steps are the same. You simply add a second colour of paint to the plastic before applying it to paper.

NOTE: Act fast! You don't want your paint to dry before it's applied to your paper.



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BIG NEWS!

I'm so excited to share something I've been working on for months—the **Vicki Boutin Mixed Media** line by American Crafts.

I designed this colourful product line to be an entry point for those interested in this style of art. I can't wait to teach you ways to use my line with other awesome products out there to create projects you'll love.

For more colourful ideas from Vicki, check out her blog at vickiboutin.typepad.com

