

ALUMINUM FOIL MONOPRINTS

Play with color, line and space! Monoprints are one-of-a-kind, creative creations. They are similar to *lithography*, a style of printmaking that allows artists to draw. You'll use a smooth surface and a Q-Tip or other small tool to create a unique design. This activity is based on the exhibition *Prints by Women: Selected Works from the Georgia Museum of Art*.



Eleanor Coen, *Sunflowers*, color lithograph on paper, no date. Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia, Eva Underhill Holbrook Memorial Collection of American Art, Patrons Fund purchase.

Lithography and foil monoprints both allow the artist to create expressive and imaginative prints. Aluminum foil monoprints is a great at-home project because you'll use things you already have!

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Materials:

- Aluminum foil
- Small paper or plastic plate
- Medium to wide paintbrush
- Medium sized paintbrush and/or Q-Tips
- Tempera (washable) or acrylic paint
- White paper

1. Cover your work surface with newspaper or craft paper to protect it from paint.
2. Select the colors you'd like to use to create your monoprint. Squeeze a small amount of each color onto your plate for a palette.
3. Use the medium to wide paintbrush to brush the colors onto your foil. Important! Make sure your layer of paint is THIN. Your prints won't turn out well if your paint is thick.
4. Once your foil is covered in a thin layer of paint, use the stick end of your medium paintbrush and/or Q-Tips to draw in the paint. You can draw things, or just play with line and see what happens!
5. Once you're happy with your design, carefully place your paper on top.
6. Flip it over so the paper is on the table and press all over. Peel the paper off.
7. You can repeat with the same colors and different lines, or start over with new colors!

