

## Tulip Printmaking with no Mess



### Materials

- New Styrofoam meat trays
- Water soluble Prang brand Markers
- Sponges
- Bond paper

### Procedures

1. Children draw a tulip image on the Styrofoam. The pencil should be dragged on the Styrofoam not pushed. Pushing the pencil will tear the Styrofoam. Anywhere the Styrofoam will become white on the final print. (use step by step instructions on how to draw a tulip to help with the drawing of the tulip)
  
2. The children colour the plate (that which creates the print) with marker. All areas are covered. Be sure not to press hard with the marker as the marker can create unwanted white lines on the final print if the students indent the tray with the marker.

3. A piece of bond paper (copy paper) is evenly dampened using a sponge. For young children I do this step. The paper **MUST** not be shiny with water.
4. The Styrofoam plate is placed on the table. The wet paper, wet side down, is placed on top of the Styrofoam plate.
5. The student rubs with fist and finger, the image will transfer and this is visible through the paper.
6. Remove the paper and re-ink the plate to make a second print. They can change the colours of the print on the second run. The changing of colors on subsequent prints makes for interesting colours.
7. Labeling a print is a unique experience for children. The title and date go underneath the image see diagram.