

Aztec Printing

Aim: To use drawing and printing to produce a piece of art inspired by Aztec designs.

Animals such as crocodiles, lizards, snakes, deer, rabbits, monkeys, jaguars and eagles featured a lot in Aztec art. On the famous Aztec sunstone, many of the days are represented by animals.

Create some amazing Aztec art with a printing activity using Aztec patterns and symbols.

What You Need

- Strong card- an old cardboard box would be perfect
- String
- Scissors
- Paint
- White glue (such as PVA)



What to Do

1. Research some Aztec patterns and symbols. Copy them out or use them as a start to design your own on plain white paper.
2. Keep your design as simple as possible, using clear, bold lines.
3. Cut a square of cardboard that is bigger than your design.
4. Glue your design to the cardboard.
5. Add a layer of glue over your design and begin to add string, following the lines you have drawn.
6. To secure the string, add another layer of glue and then leave to dry.
7. Using a roller, cover your string picture with paint and print onto plain paper.