

## 80's and 90's Patterned T-shirt Design

Junior (6-8 years)

### What we are going to do:

Use printing/stamping techniques to create a patterned t-shirt design.

### What you will need:

- Cardstock paper or painting paper (White or Coloured) – 2 pieces
- Paint (acrylic or tempera)
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Found objects (textured and geometric shapes)
- Paintbrushes



## 80's and 90's Pattern

The 80's and 90's are known for their bright, neon and geometric patterns. These patterns would often appear on clothing and décor at the time. Some popular patterns included circles, triangles, rectangles and squiggly lines, and frequently painterly lines. Take a look at the patterned examples with bright colours and shapes - they appear to be randomly placed throughout the paper. The 80's were mainly known for geometric patterns and the 90's were known for its jazz associations. What kind of pattern do you want to create for your t-shirt design?



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## **GATHER THE OBJECTS FOR STAMPING**

Let's get started! The first step is to gather all the materials for printing/stamping. If you have cardboard you can cut it up into different geometric shapes such as triangles, rectangles and circles. Try pulling the first layer of cardboard off so you can use the side with the lines. What other recycling do you have in the house to cut up for creating interesting patterns? You can also find geometric objects around the house, but make sure that your parents say its okay to use.





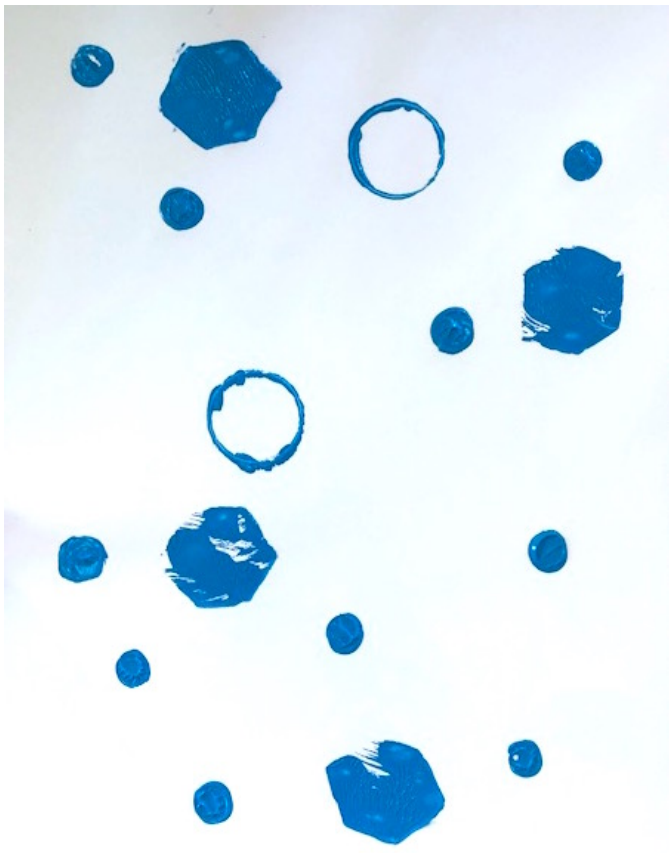
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### START PRINTING/ STAMPING

Now it's time for the fun part! Gather your paints and paintbrushes. Choose your colours and decide what colour you want to print with each shape or multiple shapes.

What is stamping or printmaking? This is when you impress a pattern or mark onto a surface. You will be taking your shapes and adding paint to the surface, then pressing that shape down onto the surface of the paper which will make a mark.

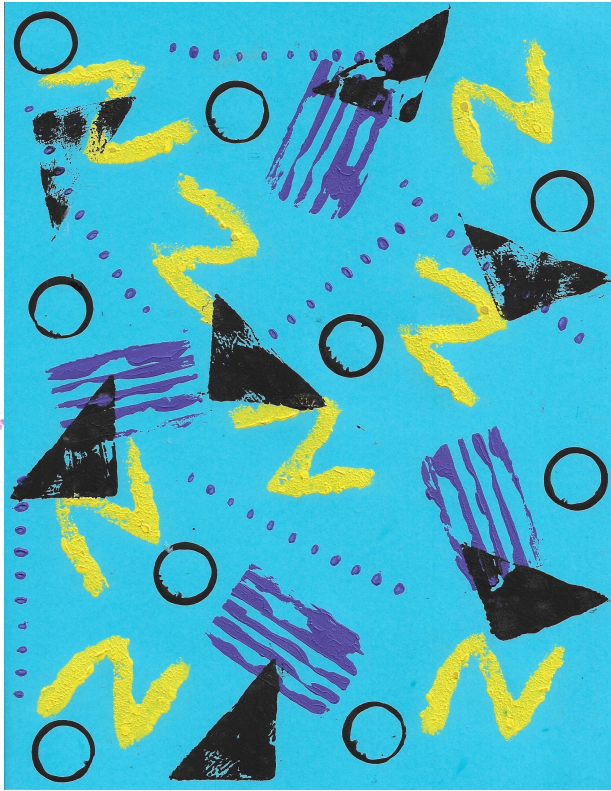
Grab your first shape/object and add paint to it with a paint brush, then press it down onto the paper. Press down on the whole surface, then peel it off - repeat this process again and again. Keep repeating the process with other shapes/objects and colours.



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## **FILL THE SPACE**

Fill the entire space with colour and pattern. Take a look at the examples below. Add as much or as little pattern and colour as you want!



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## **ADD THE SLEEVES AND NECKLINE**

It's the final step; let's make your paper look like a t-shirt! Take another piece of paper and cut it in half horizontally, then cut that half into half vertically. Those two halves will be the sleeves for the t-shirt. Use glue to attach the sleeves onto the back of the paper.

Next, draw a neckline on the top center of your paper and cut it out. Now you have your custom designed t-shirt ! Take a look at the examples below.



