

## You will need

- ✓ Pre-washed fabric/garment
- ✓ Dylon Fabric Paints and Dylon Shade Creator
- ✓ Masking tape
- ✓ Printing blocks
- ✓ Paintbrushes or sponges
- ✓ Iron

## HINTS

- ◆ Tape down fabric onto a flat, plastic-covered work surface using masking tape.
- ◆ When printed, allow fabric to dry thoroughly, detach from work surface and fix the colour by covering each part of the design with a clean cotton cloth and ironing on a hot setting for 2 minutes.
- ◆ To obtain an unlimited number of lighter shades mix Dylon Fabric Painting Shade Creator with Dylon Fabric Paints. Adding Shade Creator will not dilute the fabric paint or reduce its covering power. It is therefore suitable for all applications and techniques - brushing, sponging, stencilling or block printing!

## COLOUR

When using standard colours of Fabric Paints, best results are achieved on white fabric. White or metallic paints (or a mix of metallic with standard colours to make pearlescent paint) will print well onto dark fabrics. Try different colour combinations as well as mixing the colours to make your own shades.

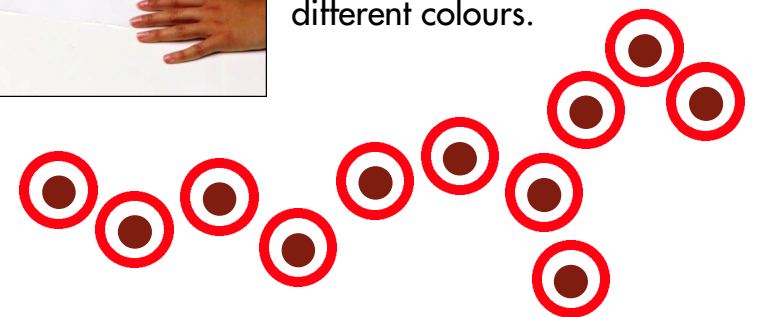
## TEACHERS NOTES

**Block Printing is a simple and effective way of decorating fabric.**

Vegetables such as potatoes make excellent printing blocks; simply cut into various shapes with a sharp knife. Other fruit and vegetables can make interesting shapes - cut in half, blot onto kitchen towel and leave to dry for half an hour before use. Printing blocks may also be made by gluing scrap materials onto small offcuts of wood - eg. leaves, string, bubble-wrap, scrunched-up fabric, pipe cleaners - almost anything!



This technique may be used to create Aboriginal-style designs - use offcuts of dowelling or bamboo to print dots and circles, building up the pattern with the use of different colours.



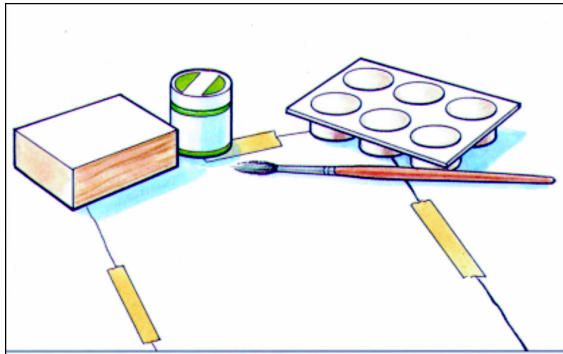
## SKILL LEVEL

- Key stages 1 & 2

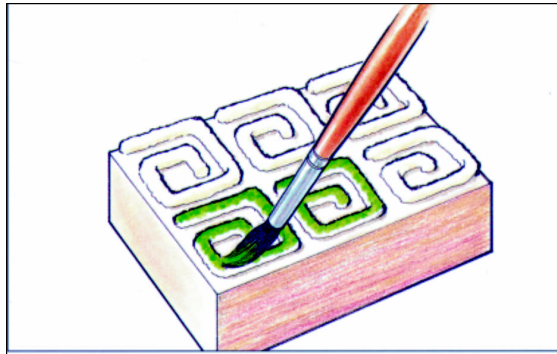


# FABRIC PAINTING

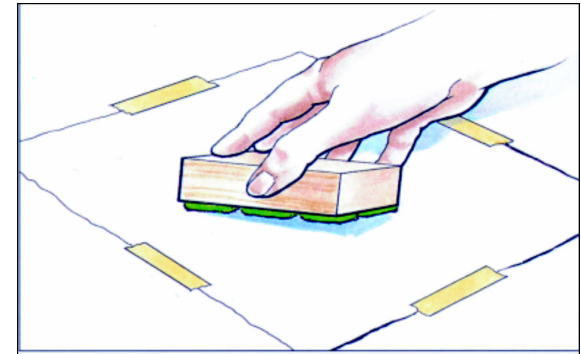
## Block Printing onto fabric



Use masking tape to hold fabric in place on the work surface.



Put fabric paint onto your block with a paintbrush or sponge.



Carefully position the block onto the fabric, press firmly...



Lift off without sliding or twisting the block.



Print a repeat pattern on a T-shirt.



You can make your own special blocks from potatoes or other vegetables - or string, wool, bubble-wrap, textured fabric or corrugated cardboard glued onto a small piece of wood -

### Experiment ....

What else could you use to make a block print



★ Fabric Paint has to be **IRONED** to fix the colour on the fabric.

