



Citrus Printing

Just add paint!

Over the years I've done loads of vegetable & fruit printing with our girls. (have you ever printed the base of a bunch of celery, amazing!)

Owning a produce business meant we always had plenty of leftovers to play with. Time after time we'd try to print with citrus & it was great fun, but also rather disappointing. You know when you keep doing something even though it's kind of mediocre. Then one day on a pinterest scroll I saw this nifty idea. A clever person had carefully removed the fleshy segments with a paring knife, let the citrus dry out & 'wallah' cute citrus prints (& me thinking for the millionth time "why didn't I think of that")

Tips

1. Use nice firm citrus fruit
2. Also use a pointy nosed paring knife to cut out fleshy segments
3. Prepare ahead of time, so your citrus can dry out on paper towel

MATERIALS NEEDED

- A mix of citrus fruit - oranges, lemons, limes
- A small pointy nosed paring knife
- Paper towel
- Acrylic paint & flat tray
- Paper

METHOD

HOW TO -



1. Cut citrus fruit in half through the middle. Using pointy nosed paring knife, carefully cut each fleshy segment out, being careful to leave the pithy membrane in between, (see photo)
2. Lay the fruit onto the paper towel to drain out extra juice for at least an hour.
3. Choose your paints & add a little to your flat paint tray (less paint is best when it comes to having a defined print). We used yellow, orange & white, so as they mixed the colours would stay fresh.
4. Before beginning to print, make sure you smell each of the fruits with the children. Citrus is such a refreshing scent, don't miss out on engaging these senses!
5. Start printing by placing fruit face down into paint & transferring to the paper. Watch the childrens faces as they lift the citrus to reveal the cool patterns underneath!!!

EXTENDING ON THIS EXPERIENCE

- Printing with other fruit & vegetables. Some top prints are made with mushrooms & capsicums cut in half. The bases of celery are cool too.
- Using fragrant citrus leaves as part of a sensory or play dough tubs.
- Cut citrus in half to make juice for the children to try.
- Look at other foods that have a similar shape eg pizza!
- Make a sensory water tub filled with citrus segments & flowers.