

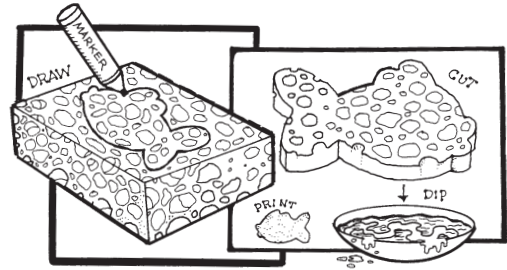


Sponge Print Haiku



Materials

- sponges
- glue
- scissors
- markers
- soap, water, and towels for cleanup
- tempera paints
- construction paper
- foil or Styrofoam trays
- newspaper



Directions

1. Take a nature walk with your parents or friends and observe the elements of nature. Use your observations to write haiku poetry. Haiku is poetry of seventeen syllables arranged in three lines of 5-7-5 syllables. It may contain direct or indirect references to the seasons or to nature.
2. Prepare sponge print backgrounds. On a sponge, use a marker to outline the object (tree, fish, cloud, etc.) you chose to write about in the haiku poem. Cut out the object.
3. Cover the work area with newspaper.
4. Pour tempera paint in trays and distribute construction paper.
5. Create sponge prints by pressing sponges into the paint and stamping the print onto the construction paper.
6. Fill the paper with prints that reflect the subject of the haiku poem. Allow the paint to dry.
7. Glue your haiku poem to the sponge print backgrounds.

Note: Younger children can make the sponge print backgrounds and dictate information about an object of nature to an older partner or an adult.

Extension

- Make sponge prints for holidays and other special occasions. Use prints to decorate cards, bulletin boards, or frames for displays.