

PRINTMAKING WITH TP TUBES

Ages: all ages

Supplies: several toilet paper tubes, paint, paintbrush, paper, and materials to wrap around your tube (string, bubble wrap, paper, tinfoil, fabric, etc.)

PRINT MAKING WITH TP TUBES-THE PROCESS



Apply material to TP tube



Apply paint



Roll out tube on paper

CRUMPLED PAPER AROUND TUBE

Crumple up a piece of paper or a sheet of tinfoil. Gently wrap it around your TP tube. You can tape it in place if you have to. Use a paintbrush to apply paint to the paper now wrapped around your tube. Once it's totally covered in paint, place it on one end of your paper and slowly roll it, pressing down slightly. You can roll it several times before having to apply more paint.



STRING WRAPPED VERTICALLY

Cut a piece of string 2-5 feet long. Longer strings will be wrapped more times and will create more lines in your print. Start your string at the outside of one end of your tube and bring it up to the other end, bring your string through the inside and back to the end you started at. Keep wrapping your string this way until you run out of string. Apply paint to your string, put your tube on your paper, and roll it out!



STRING WRAPPED HORIZONTALLY

Cut a piece of string anywhere from 1-4 feet long. Longer strings will be wrapped around more times to create more lines in your print. Begin wrapping your string around your tube at one end and keep wrapping your string in circles around the outside until you reach the other end of your tube. Apply paint to your string, place your tube on your paper, and gently roll it down your paper.



FABRIC AROUND TUBE

Find some fabric you don't need anymore. I used a sleeve from the shirt I used in the no-sew t-shirt grocery bag activity! Wrap the fabric around your tube and tuck and extra fabric into the inside of your tube. Cover the fabric in paint, place it on your paper, and roll it out while gently pressing down.

LIQUID GLUE OR HOT GLUE

Design a pattern or write some words on your TP tube using white craft glue or using a hot glue gun. Let your glue completely dry. Once dry, paint the whole outside of your tube, place it on your paper, and gently roll it out. My hot glue design turned out more bold than my liquid glue example.



WHAT OTHER TEXTURES AND PRINTS CAN YOU COME UP WITH?

Try printing with other recyclables! You can apply paint to a tin can or a plastic bottle and roll it out. Also consider wrapping things such as plastic wrap or bubble wrap around a TP tube and rolling it out. Challenge yourself to combine prints or to turn your prints into art or greeting cards!

