

# How to Make Aluminum Foil Monoprints



## Materials:

- Aluminum foil
- Small paper or plastic plate
- Medium to wide paintbrush
- Medium sized paintbrush and/or cotton swabs
- Tempera (washable) or acrylic paint
- White paper

## Steps:

1. Cover work surface with newspaper or craft paper to protect it from paint.
2. Select the colors to create your monoprint. Squeeze a small amount of each color onto your plate for a palette.
3. Use a medium to wide paintbrush to apply the colors onto the foil. Make sure the layer of paint is THIN.
4. Once the foil is covered in a thin layer of paint, use the stick end of your paintbrush and/or cotton swabs to draw in the paint.
5. Once your design is complete, carefully place your paper on top.
6. Flip it over so the paper is on the table and press all over. Peel the paper off.
7. You can repeat with the same colors and different lines or start over with new colors.

## What is a Monoprint?

A form of printmaking where the image can only be made once, unlike most printmaking which allows for multiple originals.

An impression is printed from a re-printable block, such as an etched plate or woodblock, but in such a way that only one of its kind exists, for example by incorporating unique hand-coloring or collage.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/m/monoprint>

## Monoprint in Sheldon's collection



Melody Tune  
*Moab Gulch*  
1977  
Collage monoprint

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