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Rubbing Plates

Economical, Educational and Fun!

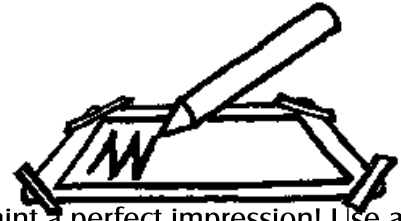
Fun and easy to use, rubbing plates are designed to artistically inspire children of all ages and abilities! Made of flexible plastic, they make great tools for all sorts of beautifully textured art pieces. There are over thirty different themes to suit everyone's tastes. Use the rubbing plates to create patterns on paper, foil and clay! Use the designs to add texture to drawings, murals, collages, greeting cards, ceramics and fabrics! The plates are washable so they can be used time and time again!

Useful tips for classroom use:

- Work on a hard, flat surface.
- Experiment with a variety of paper types.
- Rub designs with crayons, chalk, pencils and pencil crayons. Hint: Try holding the chalk or crayon sideways as you rub.
- To prevent slips, tape down the corners of the plates onto your work surface before rubbing. Lay a sheet of white or colored paper on top of the plate and rub with a pencil, crayon or piece of chalk.
- Finger painting over top of a texture plate! Once the surface is covered with paint, lay a sheet of paper over the plate, press down and pull off.
- Turn the rubbing plate over and rub the other side for a new perspective.

Craft Ideas

- Rub designs onto paper and use to illustrate stories, design book covers and create unique stationery.
- Create collages! Rub designs onto white or colored paper using different crayon colors. Cut the paper and arrange into a beautifully textured collage.
- Experiment with pop art! Rub a design with a bright crayon color. Shift the paper slightly and rub again with a darker color. Once complete, your design will "pop" off the page. Add extra details with black marker.



- Paint a perfect impression! Use a sponge to apply a thin, even coat of paint over the surface of the rubbing plate. Lay a sheet of paper over the plate. Gently rub the paper and carefully lift off. Tip: For very graphic results, use only two analogous paint colors like red and orange or green and blue.

- Design your own hand-made paper! Water down white glue until it has the consistency of milk. Use a sponge to apply a thin coat of the glue solution to your favorite plate. Lay down a sheet of facial tissue paper and coat with a second layer of glue. Add one more sheet of tissue, splash on some liquid watercolor paint, and let dry. Peel your paper off the plate and use it to add a personal touch to book covers, greeting cards, gift tags and stationery.

- Make a mural. Rub all the designs onto a long sheet or roll of paper. Use your mural as a wall or bulletin board decoration.

- Place tin foil over plates; gently rub with the tip of a pen. This adds a little different texture and creates a metal look.

- Mould clay art! Press air dry-clay onto a clean rubbing plate. Tip: Use a rolling pin. Remove the clay carefully and cut out shapes with a plastic knife or cookie cutters to make beautiful ornaments.

- Roll clay over plates to transfer the texture onto the clay. Gently curve the clay slab into a bowl or plate. Let dry and paint.

- Make fabric patterns! Use fabric crayons or paint and transfer the texture onto napkins or T-shirts.

