

SAINT LOUIS ART MUSEUM

Wee Wednesday: Colors

Book: [Mouse Paint](#) by Ellen Stoll Walsh

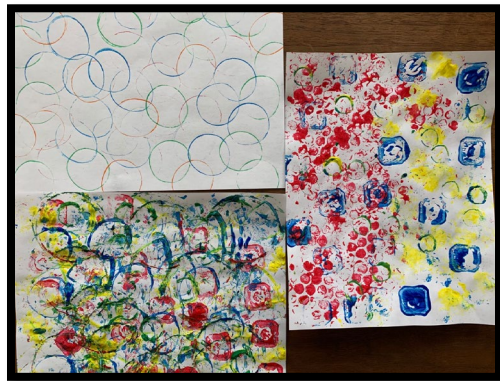
Art: [Spectrum II](#) by Ellsworth Kelly

[Zayamaca #4](#) by Al Loving

Prints with Recyclable or Repurposed Materials

Materials

- Paper of any color or shape
- Materials from around the house, such as cardboard tubes, egg cartons, bottle caps, plastic cups, and Bubble Wrap
- Paint or markers (*see instructions below to make your own paint, if needed*)
- Tray or plate, if using paint



Instructions for Making Prints with Recyclable or Repurposed Materials

- Collect items from your recycling bin or trash can to print with. Look for items with different shapes, sizes, and textures.
- To print with markers, color the surface of the item you want to print with. Press the surface that has been colored onto your piece of paper. Work quickly so the ink doesn't dry out. As you apply more ink to the same surface, the prints will likely get darker. Repeat the process with different colors and objects.
- To print with paint, dip the item that you wish to print with into paint, and then press the item onto the sheet of paper. Repeat the process with different colors and objects. Make new colors with your paint by mixing on your paint tray or by printing two different colors on top of one another.

Instructions for Making Paint

- Add 2 tablespoons of cornstarch, 4 tablespoons of water, and your desired amount of food coloring to a container and mix well.
- Mix a batch for each color you would like to make.
- This paint should be made and used in the same day.

Additional Book Suggestions

[Mix It Up!](#) by Hervé Tullet

[Little Blue and Little Yellow](#) by Leo Lionni