



# MAKE IT ARTSY INSTRUCTIONS

## GEL PRESS MONOPRINTS

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### INSTRUCTIONS

#### SUPPLIES

- \* Gel Press
- \* Brayer
- \* Cotton Swabs
- \* Paintbrush
- \* Jar or Container for Water
- \* Rag
- \* Drawing or Photograph
- \* Acrylic Paint with a long open time
- \* Paper

#### Additive

1. Place a drawing or photograph underneath the Gel Press.
2. Using acrylic paint with a long open time, paint the image on top of the Gel Press.
3. When you're satisfied, press a piece of paper to the Gel Press to lift the image.
4. Clean the plate with a scrap sheet of paper.

#### Reductive

1. Place acrylic paint onto the Gel Press and roll it into a thin layer with a brayer.
2. Use the cotton swabs to remove paint and create an image.
3. When you're satisfied, press a piece of paper to the Gel Press to lift the image.
4. Clean the plate with a scrap sheet of paper.

If you wish, you can combine additive and reductive processes.



additive



reductive



combined