



Printmaker and textile artist, Anni Albers, is widely recognized for her geometric patterned compositions and her deep involvement with the Bauhaus, an art and architecture school in Germany that operated from 1919 to 1933.

Her work focuses on the relationships between colors and the simple forms. You can see more of her work [here](#).

What colors and shapes will you choose to make your own print?

Anni Albers, *Fox I*, 1972, photo-offset lithograph, 24 in. x 20 in., Gift of Katherine and Nicholas Weber.

Activity: Painting with Tubes - Create beautiful abstract paintings using tubes in place of paintbrushes.

Materials:

- paper
- tubes from household paper products, such as paper towel or gift wrap tubes
- paint (craft or acrylic paint works well) with a palette, such as a paper plate
- scissors

Directions:

- Use your scissors to make short cuts into one end of a tube, creating a fringe
- Fold back the cut pieces so they spread out flat at the end of the tube
- Repeat with a different tube, making angled cuts into the tube to cut out triangles
- Leave some tubes in their original shape to make circular marks
- Pour some paint onto your palette
- Press a tube down into the paint on your palette and then press the tube like a stamp onto your paper
- Repeat with all of the tubes to see what different marks you can make, and repeat until you have added the desired amount of color and pattern

Tips:

- Experiment with how you move the tube around on the page. Try a straight up and down stamping motion, but also try moving your tube from side to side or in a circular motion to see what different marks you can make.

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