Anni Albers used printmaking techniques, often repeating simple shapes and colors to create her mesmerizing images. Using materials you likely have at home create your own stamp to make a print inspired by the work of Albers.


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**Activity:** Pattern Painting

**Materials:**
- Sponge/Styrofoam plate/cardboard box/foam sheets
- Acrylic Paint
- Paper
- Scissors or knife
- Paper plate/palette paper

**Directions:**
- Use your scissors or knife to cut your sponge (etc.) into a simple shape (or two) for your stamp.
- Squeeze out some acrylic paint onto your plate.
- Carefully dip your stamp into the paint, try not to have too much paint on your stamp. I used my palette paper to get some of the excess off.
- Next, place your stamp onto your paper. If you are looking to create a grid, like in Alber’s work, you will want to start in the top left corner and work your way across and down.
- Continue in this fashion to fill your paper.

**Tips:**
- If you want to use more than one color, I suggest cutting enough stamps in the same stamp to have one for each color (vs. trying to clean in between).
- Have fun playing with spacing, design, shape and size to create your own mesmerizing prints!!
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