

Printing In the Style of Andy Warhol

Who is Andy Warhol?

Andy Warhol was a famous Pop Artist who printed pictures of **famous faces**, **everyday objects** (like soup cans and bananas), and **bright colours** over and over again. His prints are **bold**, **repeated**, and full of fun, flat colours. Warhol often used a technique called **screen printing**, but you can create a similar style using **simple printmaking at home!**

What Will You Make?

You'll make a **printed picture of a face or object**, then repeat it several times on one page and colour each one **differently** — just like Warhol!


You Will Need:

- Foam sheet or polystyrene plate (or thick cardboard as a backup)
 - Pencil
 - Paper (A4 or bigger)
 - Paint or printing ink (in a tray or palette)
 - Small roller or sponge (or a paintbrush)
 - Old plastic plate or tray
 - Black marker (optional)
 - Bright colouring tools (paints, markers, or crayons)
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Step 1: Choose Your Design

Pick a **simple object or face** to print:

- A **banana, apple, ice cream, star, cat, or self-portrait**

 Keep it **simple** with big shapes — no tiny details!

Step 2: Draw on the Foam or Card

1. Use a pencil to draw your image **onto the foam or polystyrene plate**.

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2. Press gently so you leave **grooves** or **indentations**, but don't poke all the way through.
 3. If using cardboard, draw it in pen and trace the same image multiple times.
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Step 3: Add Paint

1. Squeeze out some **black paint or printing ink** onto a plate or tray.
 2. Use a **roller, sponge, or brush** to gently coat the surface of your foam plate with paint.
 - Don't get paint into the grooves — that's what makes your lines!
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Step 4: Press and Print!

1. Place your painted foam plate **face down onto a clean sheet of paper**.
 2. Press down **firmly and evenly** with your hands.
 3. Carefully peel it off — ta-da! You've made your first print!
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Step 5: Repeat the Print

1. Clean your foam plate and repeat the inking step.
 2. Print your design **4 times** on one page in a grid — 2 rows of 2.
 3. Let them dry before moving on to colouring.
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Step 6: Add Warhol-Style Colour

1. Once dry, colour in each print **differently**:
 - Use **bright, bold colours** (red, yellow, blue, pink, green!)
 - Try unexpected combinations: green faces, pink apples, purple bananas!
2. Use paints, markers, or crayons — have fun with it!

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More fun ideas

- 🍲 **Design your own soup can!** What would your flavour be?
- 🌸 **Print your own pop art flowers** – create some cardboard flowers to print from, explore using different colours as you use them again and again
- 🖼️ **Make a pop art portrait** of your pet or family member! Create a simple digital portrait, save a copy of it on word. Change it's colours and save another copy, repeat until you have a lot of colourful images side by side.