

Adders are Amazing! Gwiberod Gwych!

16. ADDER MONOPRINTS



INTRODUCTION



If you want to make some really beautiful artwork to celebrate adders, then this activity may be worth investigating! It is simple and highly effective, producing really beautiful pieces that older children will be proud of. Younger children can also manage this with help, and adults will also love it. It does require more specialist equipment and materials than some of the other activities, but it is worth it. To look into buying your own set of equipment, see the Resources section.

MATERIALS:



- Ink rollers – ideally 150mm
- Printing inks
- Inking plates (we used 3mm clear Perspex, cut to A4 size)
- Good quality art paper for printing (approx. 120-160gsm weight)
- Masking tape
- Rough sketching paper (80-100gsm)
- Table coverings
- Aprons
- Pencils and pens (biros work best)
- Adder pictures
- Inexpensive shop bought frames (optional)

MAKE IT!



1 Ask children to draw an adder – provide them with pictures to guide them. They can add in other habitat features too.

2 Cover the tables with a waterproof cloth, and lay out the Perspex sheets or other smooth inking plates



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- 3** Put a very small amount of ink on each plate and spread the ink to cover the inking plate – all the way to the edges.



- 4** Place the good quality paper lightly onto the ink



- 5** Place the drawing on top and stick in place using the masking tape. Without pressing hands on the picture, draw firmly over the pencil lines with a pen.



- 6** When finished, carefully peel the paper from the inking plate to reveal the print



- 7** Children love it when the print is revealed - it's like magic!



- 8** Framing prints with inexpensive frames makes them look amazingly professional! Here are some of our participants' work in an exhibition.

