Brass rubbing is a very old way of printing. The name comes from big brass plaques that they used to sculpt and then lay paper over it and rub with colour on top to transfer the design with a slight relief texture on the paper.



To create our brass rubbing prints you will need:

- Your notebook and spare paper
- Pencil
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Oil pastels
- Found objects like pennies, paper clips, cutlery, string and any textured items you'd like to experiment with
- **1.** Sample all your found objects on a piece of paper. Take your objects and lay a piece of paper over them. Take your pencil and rub over them.



Use this paper as a reference to create your arrangements.

2. Our first print we are going to play with a repeat pattern, try finding a small arrangement you like and rub it all over your paper in a flowing pattern in different colours.



3. Our second arrangement will be an abstract. Let go of logic and just feel where you would like to place your items. Try re-layering different rubs and colours to create your print.



4. For our third print, we are going to create a figurative image. Figurative prints are based on something real but is not a realistic drawing of it. Try mixing rubbing and drawn lines together.



Congratulations! You can now create your own brass rubbings in several styles. Prints make great gifts, you can rub the same arrangement in 2 or 3 papers with different colours and create your own series.

