Celery Stamping Blooms

A painting activity straight from the grocery aisles to your gallery walls!
Supplies

• 1 Celery Stalk for each participant
• Cardstock or Note Cards – any hard paper stock and size will do!
• Acrylic Paint in flowery and leafy colors
• Foil
• Rubber Bands
Step 1. Wash and dry your celery. When it’s ready, place a rubber band around the celery about 6 inches from the base. Cut a slice of your celery bunch and you will see a flower shape. You can cut another stamp from the same bunch by leaving 1-2 inches on both sides of the rubber band and slicing the celery again. Keep 1-2 of the longer stalks that remain and you can dispose or eat the rest!
Step 2. Set a piece of foil down on the table and pour quarter size drops of the acrylic paint on it.
Step 3. Place your celery stamp on the flowery color of your choosing and move it around until the entire surface is covered with a thin layer of acrylic paint. If you’re having trouble filling the celery with acrylic paint, you can use one of the longer stalks as a paint brush and brush on the acrylic paint to fill in the area.
Step 4. You may want to have a test sheet of paper for this project so you can test your stamp—the first stamping is usually paint heavy. But when you’re ready, go ahead and start stamping! You can mix colors, make a garden, or anything else—it’s up to you.
Step 5. When you’re ready to add some leaves, you can use a long stalk and dip it in the paint you’ve chosen for a leafy color and stamp. You could also draw a stem with a paintbrush, crayon, or marker. There’s no wrong or right; don’t be afraid to get creative!
Step 6. Leave your paper out to dry for 30 minutes. When you’re done, you can dispose of the foil, celery, and paint.
Step 7. Take a picture of your work and share it with us!

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