

‘Ohe Kāpala (Traditional Hawaiian Bamboo Stamps)

‘Ohe kāpala is the art of bamboo stamping. ‘Ohe or bamboo is one of the original "canoe plants" brought to Hawai`i by the early Polynesian settlers. In the kapa cloth-making process, 'ohe sticks were



cut out to create designs that were then stamped with dye into intricate geometric patterns on the kapa.

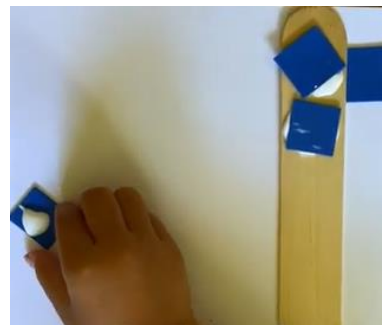


Materials Needed: Popsicle Stick
Foam Sheet
Glue
Scissor
Paint
Paint Brush
Paper



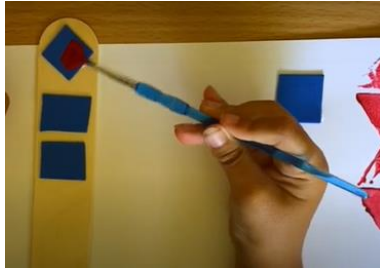
Step 1: Think of a design you would like...take your scissors and cut out different shapes for your design – for example triangles, squares, or circles.

Step 2: Place a small dot of glue on the back of your shape and place it on your popsicle stick.



Step 3: When you are done placing your shapes into your desired design let the glue dry.

Step 4: When it is dry, you are ready to paint. Choose a color you want to have for your design.



Step 5: With your paint brush, paint your entire design.



Step 6: Turn your stick over and hold for 5 seconds.



and press it down on the paper

Step 7: Lift slowly and there you have your 'Ohe Kāpala Design 🤗



Step 8: Repeat the design up, down, sideways in a line and help keiki identify the pattern they created. (for example: diamond, rectangle, square, diamond, rectangle square, diamond....what comes next?)

What does my keiki learn with this activity?

- 1) Hawaiian ancestors were creative and used their resources to make cloth (kapa) for clothing and other uses and decorated the cloth with intricate artistic designs.
- 2) The ability to recognize and create patterns help keiki make predictions based on their observations; this is an important skill in math as well as in life. Understanding patterns help prepare children for learning complex number concepts and mathematical operations.