

May 2025 - Kevin Womack

Mini Workshop: Adventures in Gelatin Plate Printing

Date/Time: May 10, 2025 1PM - 4PM

Location: St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd,
Potomac, MD 20854

Workshop Fee: Members: Members: \$35.00 Non-Members: \$50.00

Student Materials Fee: \$0

Student Supply List

Adventures in Gelli® Plate Printing Supply List (3 Hour Class)

Fabric: Pre-washed cotton fabric, either plain or previously dyed. You may also overprint commercially-printed fabrics. Amount determined by how fast you work. Around 3 yards seems to work for the average student, but it could be up to 5 yards. Smaller pieces are more manageable, so please cut down a few fat quarter sized pieces (18"x22") before class.

Fabric paint: You may use any fabric paints or textile inks you have. Thin/watery paints like Dynaflow will not work for this process. Also stay away from metallic paints. You may print with any brand of fabric paint that is not thin and watery. Setacolor, Profab, Versatex and Jacquard, all available at Dharma Trading Company and Pro Chemical and Dye are great options. Transparent paints work best. Linked below is a recommended starter kit. You may also want to add a larger bottle of Jacquard 123 White if you like pastel colors. If you don't want to purchase a set, bring at least black, white and a couple of colors that you like.

https://www.dharmatrading.com/paints/kits/jacquard-traditional-textile-colors-mini-starter-set.html?Inav=paints_kits.html

A hard rubber brayer (available at art supply stores or online. I prefer the Speedball brand).

A Gelli Arts® Gel Printing Plate (at least 8"x10") (available at art or craft stores and online).

A variety of textured found objects for patterning such as: wire whisks, construction fence, mesh from clementine boxes, leaves, string, rubber bands, corks, bubble wrap, kitchen sink mats, old lace, the bottom of wine bottles, etc. Let your imagination run wild! Check out dollar stores and home improvement stores for things with fun patterns on them. Include a couple of cotton swabs if you have some on hand.

Rubber or foam stamps and stencils that you have on hand.

An inexpensive foam brush.

A spray bottle for water. This can be a washed, recycled sprayer. It does not need to be new, but it does need to be clean.

A palette: a couple of styrofoam meat trays from the grocery store work great.

A cleanup rag and an old yogurt or sour cream container for rinse water.

A roll of inexpensive large size garbage bags to lay under your fabrics while they air dry. Plan according to how much fabric you bring. Plastic tablecloths from the dollar store are also an option.

IF the host venue allows, you may bring a hair blow dryer to speed up the drying process.

Use gloves and wear old clothes. Use an apron if desired. A nail brush will help clean paint from fingernails.

Be sure to label ALL of your tools and brushes with your initials before bringing them to class.