

## Watts Tots

# Doily Stencil Prints

This week Watts Tots are making paper doily stencil prints. Create lovely layered patterns using this simple stencil process. No doilies in the craft box? Experiment with other items that would make a nice stencil, like hessian or plastic netting. Or try making your own paper stencil by folding and cutting shapes in the paper.



### Materials

- Paper
- Acrylic/poster paint
- Palette (a piece of card, a plastic lid or an old plate will work fine if you don't have one)
- A sponge (cut a large sponge into smaller pieces to use with different colours)
- Paper doilies

1. Put some blobs of paint onto your palette.
2. Place a paper doily (or your chosen stencil) onto a piece of paper
3. Dip your sponge into your paint and dab over the stencil. Layer with different colours
4. Remove the stencil and replace it on another part of your paper. Repeat the steps above to create layers of pattern.

### TIP

Try dark colours on light paper and light colours on dark paper. Mix colours with white to make them stand out on dark paper.



### Extra Activity: Paper Doily Butterfly

Why not turn your paint smeared doilies into a pretty butterfly? Here's how:

## Materials

- 2 used paper doilies from the stencil printing activity
  - Wooden clothes peg
  - Pipe cleaner
  - Felt tip pens
  - Stickers or other decorations
1. Allow the paper doilies to dry.
  2. Decorate the wooden clothes peg using the pens and any stickers you want to use. This is the butterfly's body.
  3. Fold both paper doilies into quarters and peg together to create the shape of the wings.
  4. Next, peg the pipe cleaner in the middle and bend to create the antennae.

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