

Marker Magic: Stamp Your Art!

Introduction: The Secret Life of Markers! (5 minutes)

What if I told you your markers have a secret superpower? They're not just for drawing lines... they can STAMP!

Today, we're going to become Marker Stamp Superheroes and create amazing art!

What You'll Need:

- Washable markers (broad tip or chisel tip work best!)
- Paper (plain white, construction paper, cardstock)
- A slightly damp sponge or paper towel (optional, for re-moistening marker tips)
- Your imagination!

Let's Learn to Stamp! (10 minutes)

How to Make a Marker Stamp:

1. Take a marker. Instead of drawing with the tip in a line, we're going to press it straight down onto the paper and lift it up quickly. Boop! That's a stamp!
2. **Try different parts and angles of the marker tip:**
 - **Broad Tip Side:** Makes a chunky rectangle or square.
 - **Pointed Tip:** Makes a dot.
 - **Edge of a Chisel Tip:** Can make thin lines if stamped carefully.
3. **Experiment Time!**
 - What happens if you press lightly? What if you press a little harder (but not too hard to break the marker!)?
 - Can you make a line of stamps? A circle of stamps?
 - Try stamping with different colors next to each other. What happens?

Teacher Tip: If a marker seems a bit dry, you can try quickly dabbing the tip on a very slightly damp sponge or paper towel to remoisten it. Don't make it too wet!

Creative Challenge: Your Masterpiece! (20-30 minutes)

Now that you're a marker stamping pro, it's time to create your own amazing artwork!

Here are some ideas to get you started (or invent your own!):

- **Pattern Power:** Fill a whole page with cool repeating patterns. Think stripes, polka dots made of squares, zig-zags!
- **Stamped Scenery:** Can you make flowers, trees, or even a little house using only marker stamps?
- **Abstract Art:** Just have fun with colors and shapes! See what cool designs you can make.
- **Greeting Card:** Make a special card for someone using marker stamps.
- **Name Design:** Try 'writing' your name using stamps instead of lines.

Remember, there's no right or wrong way to do this. It's all about having fun and being creative!

Show and Tell! (5 minutes)

Wow! Look at what you made! Tell me about your artwork:

- What was your favorite part about making it?

- What did you discover about marker stamping?
- What patterns or shapes did you use?

Clean Up Crew! (5 minutes)

Great job, artist! Let's put the caps back on our markers tightly and put our supplies away so they're ready for our next art adventure.