



# Aztec Sun Stones

Third Grade Indigenous Peoples  
Art Lesson Plan

- We are going to use a neat printmaking technique to achieve a nice old worn look to our "paper" sun stones.
- MATERIALS REQUIRED:
  - - brown kraft paper
  - - sheets of craft foam, about 1/3 of a long sheet per student
  - - liquid tempera paint, black, yellow, orange
  - - paintbrush
  - - dull pencil
  - - scissors
  - - clear plexiglass printing blocks, optional
  - - scraps of corrugated cardboard
  - - fine sharpies, pencil crayons
  - - gold metallic paint

- Using your dull pencil draw your design into the foam. Go over any lines you want to be thick and color in areas.
- Take your scissors and cut around your design.
- I use good old masking tape to adhere my foam stamps to clear blocks.
- clear blocks allow you to make multiple prints quite quickly and because they are clear you can exactly see where you are positioning the stamp.



Now paint your stamp with some liquid tempera and then turn over and press onto paper.

I find that I often like the second impression better so I have some scrap paper around to take my first stamp.

If you don't have the clear block just paint and use your fingers to turn over and then press....works just as well.



For this project you want to make a few designs. If you wish to stamp the face you can use a circular object to trace around. I used a funnel.

You can use traditional designs or come up with your own.





Take your brown Kraft paper and trace a big circle. I used the lid from a small garbage can. Cut out.

You can also distress your paper a bit by crumpling and smoothing it out a few times for some

Using liquid tempera paint on some bright warm colors. I wanted to create some motion so I have painted in a circular fashion. I have also dry brushed some layers of color.







Using your foam stamps start making your sun stone starting in the center and working out.

I am loading my stamps by brushing on black tempera.



You can also use some scrap pieces of corrugated cardboard in different widths to make line designs.





# Aztec Sun Stone History Sheet

[Youtube Aztec legend using authentic stylized symbols](#)