

# What do I need?

Tomatoes (mix of shapes & sizes)

Acrylic paints

Paint brushes

White card

Paper plate

Chopping board

Kitchen knife\*

\*Ensure you have adult supervision when chopping.



# What do I do?

Look at page 2 to learn about the 'La Tomatina' festival in Spain.

Pour your paints onto the paper plate with colours you would like to print with. You could stick to reds, yellows and greens to be realistic, or why not be abstract and use other colours?

Carefully slice your tomatoes in half crosswise so that you have different sizes and shapes for printing.

Decide how you want to decorate your card. You could do a repeat pattern, or a still life scene such as a bowl of tomatoes.

Take your first tomato half and dip the cut side into some paint. Firmly press it onto your page to leave a print.

Continue printing different tomato halves onto your page until it is filled with your lovely design.

Once you've finished printing, you can use your brushes to paint in extra details such as a vine and leaves.

Leave your design to dry fully before putting it out on display for everyone to enjoy. You could even fold the page and use it as a greetings card!



# La Tomatina

‘La Tomatina’ is an annual festival celebrated on the last Wednesday in August in the town of Buñol in Valencia, Spain. The festival features a spectacular food fight of more than 150,000 overripe tomatoes, an event which attracts tens of thousands of people from around the world every year.

On the morning of La Tomatina, trucks filled with overripe tomatoes enter the town. The blasting of water cannons then signals the start of the food fight, when participants grab handfuls of tomatoes to throw at one another.

After about an hour, the fighting stops and everyone begins the enormous task of cleaning the streets. Fire trucks are brought in to wash the streets and participants are washed down with hoses or take a much needed dip in the local river to clean off all the tomato pulp!

The festival started by accident in 1945 during a parade in which one of the participants fell and knocked things over in the main square. Locals picked up tomatoes from a nearby vegetable stall and began to throw them at the man. Since then, the tomato throwing festivities have grown and grown into the world-famous event we see today.



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