

Carving aluminum postcards

Activity summary

The students can let their imagination run wild by creating a unique carving on the material that brought Arvida into existence: aluminum.

Target cycles

All cycles

Target competencies

Transversal competencies

- Competency 1: Using the information
- Competency 4: Using one's creative thinking
- Competency 5: Adopting efficient work methods

Visual arts

- Competency 1: Creating works of visual art

Instructions

1. Apply a thick layer of newsprint on the front of the cardboard postcard.
2. Cover the front of the card (cardboard and newsprint) with a piece of aluminum foil. Make sure to fix the foil to the card with clear adhesive tape, but leave space at the back to write a message. The newsprint under the aluminum will act as a cushion to make the carving easier;
3. Using a blunt pencil, carve the aluminum foil. The student must carve it delicately so as not to pierce or rip it;
4. Once the carving is completed, add a layer of India ink or paint. You can also color the carving with a highlighter;
5. Before it dries, sponge the ink or paint so that only the furrows are inked;
6. Complete the postcard by writing a unique message on the back.

Required material

- Thick cardboard (4 in x 6 in or 10 cm x 15 cm)
- Aluminum foil
- Newsprint
- Clear adhesive tape
- Blunt pencil
- Paint, India ink or highlighter.

