

Making Memories

This pack is themed around textiles and includes reminiscence objects linked to domestic patterns and handmade textiles.

It has been put together in collaboration with artist and print maker Tara Dean <https://taradean.co.uk> and includes materials and activity ideas using simple printing techniques to create handmade cards and decorations.

You can do the activities in any order you like.

You can add your own ideas and follow your residents' memories and creative ideas using the pack as a starting point.

They can all be adapted to be group activities or one to one.

You will find a list of the materials and resources included

Some ideas and guidance to follow if you wish

We hope that you enjoy it!

And look forward to hearing what you thought and how we can improve

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Reminiscence collection - lace doilies, fabric with pattern, fabric design images

Materials for creativity

Photocopies of lace doilies

Cards for printing

Envelopes

Paper

Paper doilies

Wool /string

Lace off cuts

Printing inks

Roller

Glue

Polystyrene sheets

Clay

Straws



Ideas for activities

Reminiscence session

Vintage Lace doilies, fabric swatches, textile designs

Opening and unpacking this box is a good way to start a session.

Sharing some memories of your own can start a discussion.

We often have fond memories of learning to sew or crochet and perhaps your residents will have made lace doilies themselves or remember a family member making them.

You could add other objects that might be found in a sewing box, for example a box of buttons, crochet hooks and thimbles.



Colouring sheets - photocopies of lace doilies

Can be used as an alternative to colouring sheets!

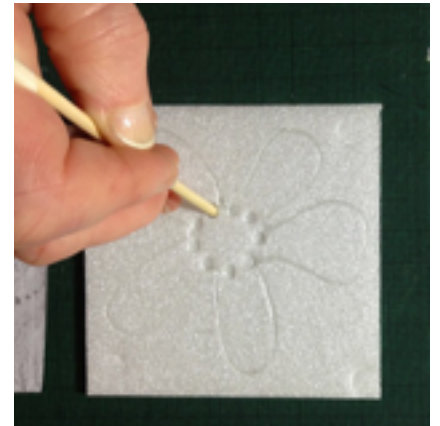


Printing cards

You will need from the pack - polystyrene sheets, sticks to make an impression in the polystyrene, roller and inks, paper to practice and cards.

Once you have created a pattern you can use it to make lots of prints!

Draw or mark a pattern in the polystyrene with the stick

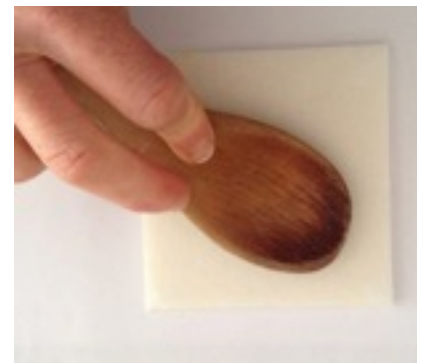


Roll some ink evenly onto the pattern on the polystyrene



Place the polystyrene inked side down onto paper or card

Press down on the back with a clean roller or a wooden spoon



Carefully lift away to reveal your print!



Clay decorations

You will need from the pack the air dry clay provided, a straw, lace off cuts.
You will also need a plastic table cloth or mat, cookie cutters, a rolling pin.

Roll out a piece of clay using the rolling pin or your roller on a piece of cloth.

Use a cookie cutter or plastic pot to cut out shapes

Use the straw to make holes so that you can hang the decorations once dry.

Using string, wool or lace off cuts, lay them on the clay shapes

Gently roll over them

Remove the objects to reveal beautiful imprints!

The clay can be left to dry naturally and then can be painted and used as decorations



Patchwork collage - group or individual

Cut up any spare prints and test prints, doilies and photocopies, to create your own unique collages

