Zara’s Pattern Printing Workshop

Learning objective: To explore printmaking by creating patterns using shapes and textures, and to develop fine motor skills through drawing and labelling.

Today, Zara the Zebra is making art! She uses objects to press patterns onto paper. Look at the objects Zara has found. Follow the steps below to design your own printed masterpiece.

Draw: Draw a large piece of art paper in the centre. Inside the paper, draw a series of 'printed' shapes (circles, squares, and stars) that repeat to form a pattern. Use bright colours. Include Zara the Zebra standing to the side, holding a paint sponge, looking at her artwork with a big smile.

Label words: circle · square · triangle · pattern · print · colour

Steps:

1. Step 1: Zara has a potato cut into a star shape. Draw a star shape in the middle of your page.
2. Step 2: Draw a row of circles underneath your star to make a repeating pattern.
3. Step 3: Which object would make the best print: a soft leaf or a smooth pebble? Write your answer here.
4. Step 4: Label your drawing using at least two words from the word bank.
5. Step 5: If Zara wants to buy a new paintbrush for £2, and she has a £1 coin, how many more £1 coins does she need?