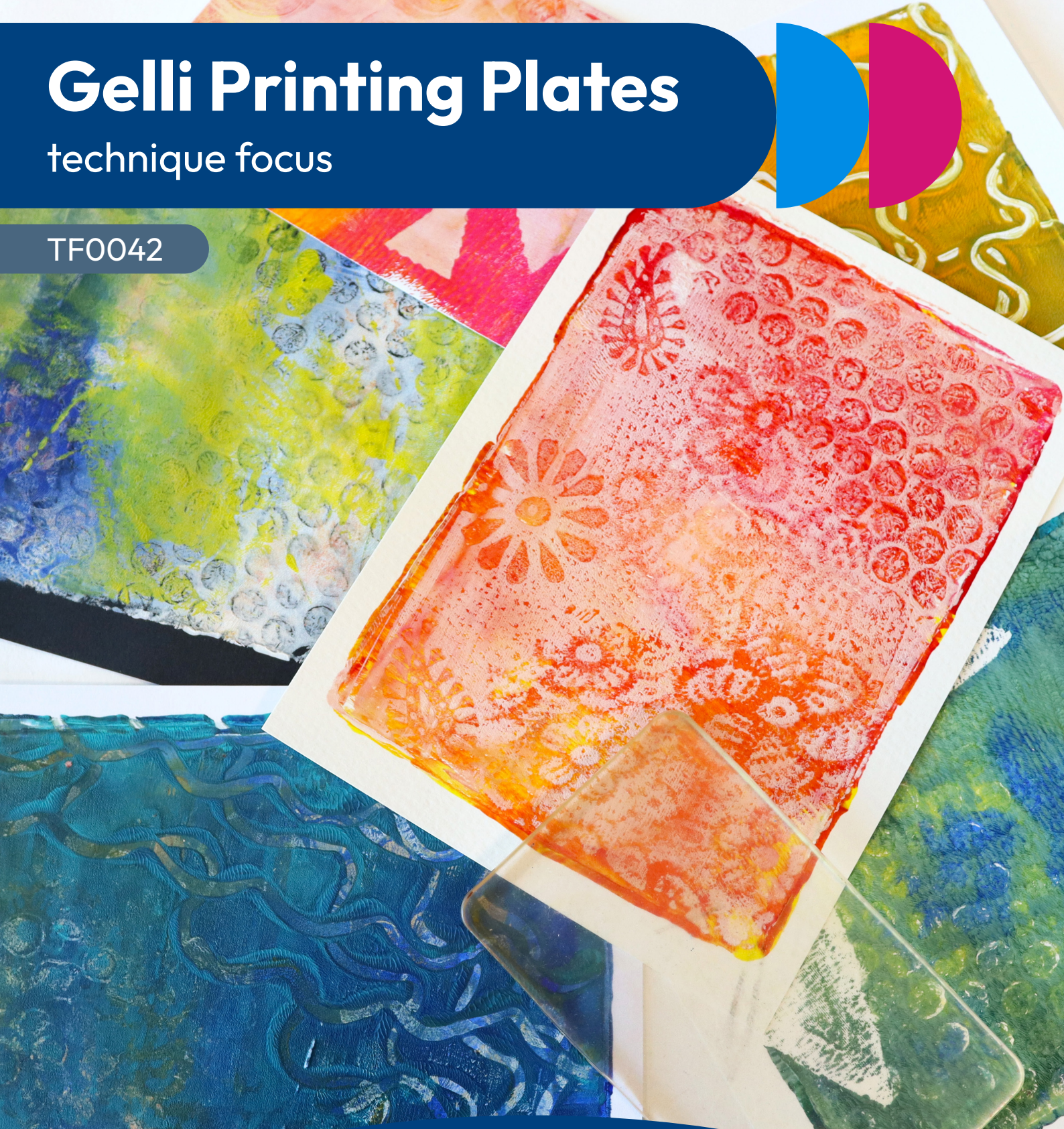


Gelli Printing Plates

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What you'll need

PR702...Gelli Printing Plates **PD360...**X4 Acryl Paint **PR127...**Standard Inking Rollers
PB002...Heavyweight Cartridge Paper **PB155...**Stencil Card **CR716** Artificial Leaves



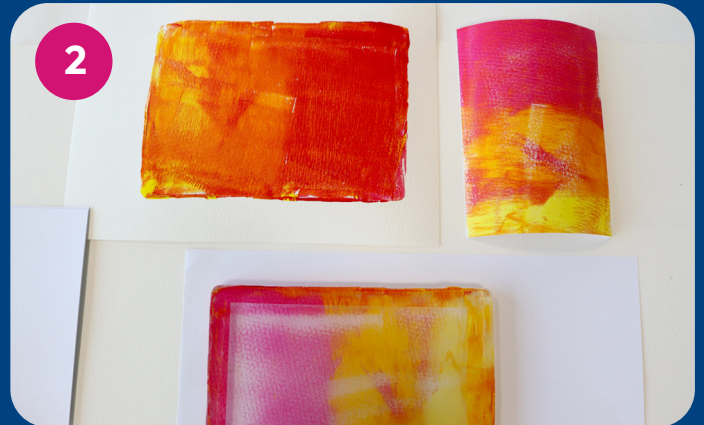
To create different textures try using: bubble-wrap, plastic grids, foam stamps, stencils, leaves and string as your stencil. Do not allow paints to dry but simply wash off with a mild soap and water and pat dry with a lint-free cloth.



Step by step



Prepare your work space. You can use block printing inks or we recommend using Specialist Crafts X4 Acryl Paints. Other water-based paints can be used but dyes will stain the plate so are not recommended. Oil paints can be used and cleaned from the gel printing plate with baby oil and wiped clean with a paper towel.



Ink up your gelli plate by applying the paint to the plate, and blend the colours using a roller. Print a few backgrounds on paper first and leave these to dry. You can use solid colour also. You can place a piece of paper under the gelli plate to make it easier for aligning your print when printing on top of your background.



You can make single prints by inking up your gelli plate again, and then using wooden stamps with contrasting ink to build up colour and textures before you print. Add objects such as leaves to add interesting textures and masked off areas.



Create double prints by printing onto your dry backgrounds created in Step 2. Experiment by layering white paint on your gelli plate, then printing with pieces of bubble wrap and lace fabrics to create textures in the ink. TIP: Line up your background with the paper under your gelli plate first!



You can remove parts of the gelli plate which you don't wish to print ink by using a paint brush to create patterns. Why not also try printing onto black card to really make your prints and colours stand out.



You can also use ready-made stencils, using stencil card, and printing over these to add further detailed areas to your prints. You can create a wide range of prints, cards and postcards with gelli plates, experiment with an array of resources.