



Pinhole Art

Supplies:

- Template or design to transfer
- Text paper (mid-weight or lighter weight cover paper)
- Thumbtack
- Piece of cardboard to fit design
- Felt to go between cardboard and design paper
- Optional: pencil, scissors, low-tack tape (ex. Washi)
- Firm work surface (ie. table, counter)

Instructions:

1. Choose your design, keeping in mind that it is best to start somewhat simple and smaller while you get the hang of it. These are some possibilities:
 - Find a line drawing online and print it out at the size you want
 - Draw your own design on a piece of lightweight scratch paper
 - Cut a shape (or shapes) from cardstock or cardboard so that you can go around the edges of it
2. On your work surface, stack the following in order from bottom to top: cardboard large enough to fit design, felt large enough to fit design, final art paper cut to the size needed, template/design
 - *Optional: use tape to hold the template/design in place on top of the final art paper*
3. Take a look at your design and decide if there are spaces where you want the holes to be spaced farther apart (lighter *value*) or closer together (darker *value*). You'll especially want to pay attention to those areas where you do not want as many holes so that you know not to punch there too much. You can certainly note those areas on your design guide.
4. Using the thumbtack and moving slowly, begin puncturing through the design and final art paper, following the design lines. If using a cut-out template, pierce along the edges of the template through the art paper.
 - *Recommendation: begin by gently pushing and not too far while you get everything poked at first. You can go back later to adjust.*



5. You may periodically check to see that you are getting everything and how it is looking by carefully lifting one or two corners, but make sure the design stays in place.
6. Experiment with the following:
 - Making holes close together vs spaced further apart
 - Puncturing from opposite sides of the paper
 - Wiggling the thumbtack around in a hole to make it larger
7. Once you have the outline complete, you can remove the design guide and work directly on your art paper to add additional holes where you see fit.
8. You can sort-of adjust (but not completely erase) mistakes like a hole that is a little too large by flipping the paper over and gently pushing around the paper where the hole was made. Again, it doesn't make the hole go away, but it can make it smaller.

