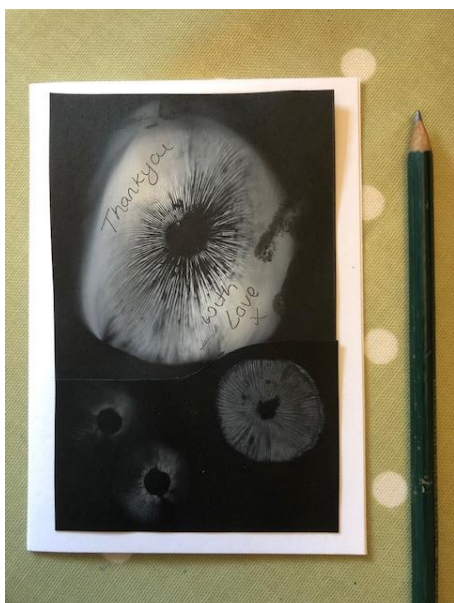


Fungi Craft Ideas



How to do a **spore print**:

- 1) You need a mushroom (with gills) either from the shop or collected on a walk, and a piece of white, coloured or black paper.
- 2) Cut the stalk from the mushroom and place the cap upside down on the paper. If you are sure your spore print will be dark (if the gills are quite dark) use the white paper. If the gills are quite pale use dark paper. (Note- gills change colour with age as the spores ripen).
- 3) Cover the fungi with a jar or glass and leave it for a few hours, or overnight.
- 4) Remove the glass very carefully to see if the spores have fallen yet, if so, carefully pick up the mushroom cap and you should find a pattern of spores on the paper.
- 5) Either spray the print with artists fixative (hair spray can work too) or cover with sticky clear plastic film to make sure your picture doesn't smudge.
- 6) Once you know how it works, try different sizes of fungi with different colour spore prints to create birthday cards, calendars and book marks.

WARNING: Make sure you wash your hands after handling fungi and keep hands away from your mouth.

