

Ecuadorian Bookmarks

Please use this checklist to confirm that all of the parts of this station are in this bag both when it is unpacked before the OSF Science Night AND when it is re-packed after your event.

- Table sign, laminated
- Explanation/ What to Do sheet, laminated
- 5 – inkpads (one each red, violet, green, blue and black) rubber banded closed in a Ziploc bag
- 5 pieces of felt (one each red, purple, green, blue and gray) folded in thirds
- 5 – handmade Ecuadorian stamps individually wrapped in bubble wrap in a Ziploc bag
- 1 – Ziploc bag of muslin strips, 3x9"
- Sample bookmark

What you will need to provide for this activity station:

- Tape to attach table sign
- Fine-tipped sharpie for writing names on bookmarks
- Muslin strips, cut or torn in 3x9" lengths *(You may use what strips are in the kit when you receive it but please replace them before returning the kit.)*

GOOD IMPRESSIONS: ECUADORIAN BOOKMARKS

Background/Explanation:

In many cultures, stamps are made of clay or wood for use in the decoration of fabric or pottery. The stamps are often symbols of different aspects of life, such as fertility or a successful hunt. Others are simply aesthetically pleasing designs.

The stamps used in this activity came from the coastal region of Ecuador and are thought to have been used to decorate fabric or even as temporary body tattoos.

What You Will Do:

In this activity, students will use clay stamps from Ecuador to print a small piece of fabric that can be used as a bookmark.

What You Need:

- 5 - Ecuadorian stamps
- 5- Ink pads
- Muslin, cut into 3”x 8” strips (150 strips)
- Pieces of felt (provides a soft surface to press into)
- Paper towels or wipes
- Examples of finished bookmarks
- Pens for writing participants’ names on bookmarks

What To Do:

Set-up:

1. Along a table, set up several stations for stamping. Each station should have an ink pad or one to three dishes of paint, three stamps, a piece of foam, a piece of muslin on top of the foam, and a pen for writing students’ names on bookmarks.

Activity:

1. Explain the activity. Show students a finished bookmark.
2. Instruct students to write his or her name on the piece of muslin at a station.
3. Choose a stamp and ink color.
4. Make a bookmark. Because each of the stamps are handmade, they are not perfectly flat and will need to be rocked back and forth over the fabric in order to make a good full impression.
5. Use paper towels or wipes to clean hands if needed.
6. Instructor should replace muslin at station for next student.