

# Exploring Printing

## Community Banners: *Fabrics of society*

Through this activity you will create a pattern by repeating a print.  
You can then add any thoughts you have about textiles and Petticoat Lane, and share them with us using the contact details below.

### Materials

You will need scissors to cut your shape and 10cm of tape to make a handle

- Polystyrene tile
- Pencil
- Coloured paint sticks
- Felt-tips
- Paper



### Printing

As you can see below, we used paisley as our inspiration; a teardrop shaped motif which, also now sometimes associated with Scotland, is originally a Persian design. Paisley became popular in the west in the 18th and 19th centuries following imports of textiles from India.

Be free and creative. Your design does not have to be based on a print that exists. Create your very own with a drawing if you want. Think about everyday prints and patterns you see on clothes: **Polka dots, Ankara, tartan, paisley, Burberry, pinstripe...**

### Step-by-step Printing

① Draw gently with the Pencil onto the foam sheet, start in a corner so not to waste the tile, make a strong indentation but not so hard as to go through. You can do several designs using the whole space or maybe one large design.

② Cut out your design.

③ Make a tape handle for plain side of the tile attach in the middle.

④ Press tile down onto the paper, press firmly with fingers.

Choose a Coloured paint pen and cover drawn surface with paint.

Turn over the page for the final instruction...