

Art at home!

Sun print plants

Our exhibition currently on view, "Michael Sherill Retrospective," shows the evolution of Michael Sherill's beautifully crafted work. Working with clay, glass and metal, he has created various functional and decorative pieces inspired by nature.

Sherill's studio and home is surrounded by the western North Carolina mountains, where he constantly finds inspiration. You can make your own plant inspired art based on your environment, with sun print paper!



Materials:

- Sun print paper.*
- Bowl of water.
- Plants (fake or real).
- Other objects of choice.
- Optional: Carboard, plastic wrap.
- *Quality of paper and prints may vary depending on which paper you buy.

How to:

1. Gather materials. Follow the links on the next page for sun print paper options.
2. Open pack of sun print paper in the shade. The paper works similarly to undeveloped film, so do not expose paper to light until you're ready to make your artwork!
3. Making sure the blue side of the paper is facing up, arrange objects on top of your paper and then expose the paper to sunlight for 2–3 minutes.
4. Tip: if you're outside and it's windy, then you can pin your paper to a piece of cardboard to keep it from moving. If you find that your objects do not stay in position, take a piece of plastic wrap and wrap your piece to secure the objects.
5. Once the paper turns white or very pale blue, take the objects off the paper and bring it back into the shade.
6. Completely submerge paper in water for one minute. The image will fade in water, but then it will reappear as it dries.
7. Let your paper dry flat in the shade. If it is exposed to light while drying, the image may turn purple.

That's it! Try making prints with different types of plants or with objects in different arrangements. Please share your prints with us on social media [@asuartmuseum!](#)

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Check out the tutorial video on our Instagram page at [@asuartmuseum!](#)

Additional links:

- https://www.amazon.com/TEDCO-SG_B002KSFPGO_US-SunArt-Paper/dp/B002KSFPGO/ref=sr_1_5?dchild=1&keywords=nature+print+paper&qid=1600281408&sr=8-5
- https://www.amazon.com/Nature-Print-Printing-Paper-Activated/dp/B0042SX120/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=nature%2Bprint%2Bpaper&qid=1600281408&sr=8-4&th=1