



How-to Article Sample Paper

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The title lets the reader know what the how-to article will explain.

How to Make a Sun Print

Do you want to make a photograph using the sun? Make a sun print! Objects placed on sun-print paper block the rays of the sun and make a shadow. The light-sensitive paper records the shadow.

The writer tells the reader what he or she will be explaining.

Follow the directions below to learn how to make a sun print.

You will need light-sensitive paper (called sun-print paper), which is available at art supply stores; small objects, such as leaves, shells, keys and coins; a bowl of water and sunlight.

The writer lists any materials needed to do this activity.

First, make sure you have the necessary materials. Buy sun-print paper. Gather all the objects you want to use. Prepare a small bowl of cool water.

To help the reader follow directions, the writer uses time-order words, such as *first*, *next*, *then* and *finally*.

Next, take a piece of light-sensitive paper out of its pack. Notice that one side is blue and one side is white. Be sure to keep the blue side facing down and out of the light until you are ready to use it.

Then go outside. Place the light-sensitive paper on the ground with the blue side facing up. Place your objects on top of the paper. Be sure to work fast!

Leave the paper and objects out in the sun for two to four minutes. The paper will turn almost white when the print is done.

Next, take the objects off the paper and place the paper in the bowl of water. Soak the paper for about two minutes. The water stops the chemicals from reacting to light.

Finally, take the paper out of the water and place it on a flat surface. As it dries, the paper will darken. You now have a print made by the sun!

The writer also provides helpful background information on the topic.

The writer puts the steps in the order in which they need to be done.